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THANKSGIVING.

How the Day was Observed in New-York and Elsewhere.

All Classes of Society Join in the Holiday.

Church Services in the Morning and Evening Festivity.

A General Suspension of Business in the Metropolis.

Dinners for the Poor at the Institutions.

Target Excursions and Fantastical Processions.

Yesterday was, in some respects, a glorious day for Thanksgiving, though it must be confessed the wind swept the frozen ground with a force and keenness which was decidedly unpleasant. Up to 10 o'clock few persons were to be seen in the streets, but as the sun rose higher in the almost cloudless sky the temperature moderated somewhat, and church-goers and seekers after amusement came forth in fair numbers. Still it was decidedly too cold to promenade about, and those one met in the streets, in closely-buttoned overcoats and thick gloves, walked as if the business they were bent on was of a particularly urgent character. The majority of persons seem to find Thanksgiving Day one of those days which it is particularly hard to get through with. It is a holiday, it is true; but then it is half-religious and half-secular. People consider it the proper thing to go to church on this day, and of course all good citizens make a point of offering up their prayers and praise on the occasion, but they do not half know what to do with the remainder of the day. For instance, if a man goes to church on Thanksgiving morning, is it right for him to go to the theatre or the opera at night, and if not, why not? Must, in short, the day be spent as a Sunday or not? These are questions which many good and sensible persons seem quite unable to answer, and it is to be hoped that before next Thanksgiving comes round we may be enlightened on this very important point. In the meantime, however, yesterday was spent very much as Thanksgiving Days have been spent from time immemorial. The churches were fairly but not largely attended. There were fewer pleasure-seekers out than usual, owing to the extreme coldness of the atmosphere. The members of the target companies and fantasticals looked as if they thought they had made a mistake and had far better have remained at home, while the little boys and girls that followed them, with blue noses and tingling cheeks, looked as if they thought there was no mistake at all, but felt quite sure that they had better have remained by their own firesides. To the very poor the day could not have been a pleasant one. To the rich it was much as other days are. After church a blazing fire, a good dinner and pleasant converse with his family, "across the walnuts and the wine," helped the rich man to pass the time and to bring forward the morrow.

The day was very generally observed, all business being suspended, and the City and General Government bureaus being closed. Below we give an account of the manner in which the day was spent in our public and private charitable institutions, and in other columns brief reports of the church services:

FIVE POINTS' HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

At the institution the children were assembled in the chapel at noon, and in the presence of quite a large audience, gave a series of recitations, songs, dialogues, &c., including a dialogue written for the occasion by Miss CROSBY, entitled "The Orphan." An address was made to the children by the Superintendent, on the day and its proper observance. He also said that many of those in the habit of attending the exercises in the chapel had told him that they came there to hear the children sing and recite, and not to hear grown-up people speak, and therefore, he said, all speeches, except perhaps a few words from friends of the institution, would be omitted. This announcement appeared to give general satisfaction. The songs and recitations were well given, and showed that the children were under perfect discipline. At 1 o'clock dinner was announced, and the children filed into the dining-hall, where a table was spread that would have delighted the eyes of GARGANTUA. Here reposed, in calm dignity, fifty fat turkeys flanked by legs of mutton and rounds of beef, the spaces between being filled up with mince-pies, plum-puddings, cakes and other little trifles. While the children were eating, a large crowd of hungry individuals assembled outside, and as soon as the children's dinner was finished, they were admitted, and made short work of what remained. At 3 o'clock the exercises in the chapel recommenced, and were continued until 4 P. M. A number of gifts were brought for the children by visitors.

THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Numerous were the Thanksgiving entertainments given under the auspices of the Children's Aid Society, of which CHARLES L. BRACE is Secretary. At No. 27 St. Mark's-place, No. 311 West Eighteenth-street, at No. 709 East Eleventh-street, and No. 49 Park-place, charitable entertainments were given appropriate to the day. At the GILSEY Lodging-house, No. 27 St. Mark's-place, the dinner took place at 1 P. M., at which some sixty were entertained. In the Boys' Lodging-house, No. 311 West Eighteenth-street, over 100 boys sat down to dinner at 5½ P. M. This entertainment was chiefly provided by the liberality of THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Esq. At the Boys' Lodging-house, No. 709 East Eleventh-street, 128 partook of dinner at 6 P. M. This entertainment was chiefly provided through the liberality of Mr. D. D. HAWLEY.

At the News-boys' Home, No. 49 Park-place, dinner was served to an almost endless train of young news-merchants.

At the Thirteenth Ward Lodging and Newsboys' Home, No. 227 Rivington-street, a large number of the cold and needy of the neighborhood were also liberally entertained.

The dinners at most of these places consisted not only of turkey and vegetables, bread, butter and coffee, but also, in several instances, including the Thirteenth Ward House and Newsboys' Home, nuts and raisins had been furnished, through the kindness of Messrs. J. HAWLEY and D. WILLIS JAMES. At all the dinners friends of the charitable projects attended, and addressed words of greeting and encouragement to all the participants.

The last annual report of the Children's Aid Society, which has just been issued, presents the following summary for the year:

Number of meals furnished at lodging-houses	167,779
Number of lodgings furnished at lodging-houses	131,676
Number of orphans at lodging-houses	4,993
Number of orphans sent West	1,231
Total	6,186
Number registered during the year at lodging-houses	11,923
Number registered during the year at industrial schools	9,479
Number sent to places and to the West	3,205
Total number under charge of the Society during the year	24,743
Number of salaried teachers	71
Number of volunteer teachers	61
Of our scholars we have sent to public schools	330

Sixteen industrial schools supply gratuitous meals; three furnish none.

In addition to this, the Society holds real estate and bonds amounting to $122,476.

FIVE POINTS MISSION.

The exercises at this Mission commenced at 2 o'clock, and the usual recitations, with vocal and instrumental music, were given in good style. The dinner was had in the school-rooms, provision being made to dine about 500 children, after which some 400 others were admitted and partook of what remained. About 100 turkeys, besides other substantials, were consumed. Addresses were made to the little ones during the afternoon by several gentlemen interested in the success of the institution, and by others.

THE HOWARD MISSION.

At the Howard Mission, on New Bowery, of which Rev. W. C. VAN METER is Superintendent, the annual festival was celebrated, with the usual attendance of good cheer and interesting exercises. Nearly 600 children, boys and girls, took part in the exercises, chief among which was the grand Hallelujah chorus, which was sung with fine effect. Several short addresses were delivered by friends of the mission, during the intervals of the principal exercises of the children. After the conclusion of the intellectual exercises the children were invited to the lower hall or dining-room, where an abundant Thanksgiving dinner was spread before them. It was estimated that from 2 o'clock to 4 P. M. 1,000 children and some few adults had participated in a good, substantial Thanksgiving dinner. The responses to the appeals for food and money were very liberal. The Comminsaw Abstcoit furnished fully $100 worth of meats, and the cash contributions from all sources amounted to $2,300. The cleanliness and cheerfulness of the children was a marked feature of the occasion.

RANDALL'S ISLAND.

Yesterday, at Randall's Island, Gov. STEVENS arranged a splendid reception for all who might come, and a most interesting programme for the 11,100 beneficiaries. Earlier in the morning the children in the various schools, hospitals and asylums, were told of the happy provision for the day, which was one of liberty all around. At noon a splendid dinner of chicken fricasee, bread and vegetables, was served. At the conclusion of their meal, they frequently manifested their thankfulness to the Commissioners for their kindness. None of the Commissioners were present, probably owing to the extreme severity of the weather. The cold wind swept the Islands with fearful force, howling and whistling among the trees, and rattling against the windows and doors. A few visitors were present, and heartily enjoyed the drill of the Randall's Island Guards, two hundred and fifty strong, under command of Col. CHARLES LAMBERT. The lads went through several intricate military movements and were heartily applauded. In the gymnasium there were feats of agility performed, and in the schools, dialogues and recitations given, all of which were as largely enjoyed by the spectators as the performers. At evening the supper was made attractive by the addition of bread and butter, tea and ginger cake, which was really a delicious luxury to the hungry eaters.

THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Mr. JONES, the Superintendent of the House of Refuge, was not forgetful of his many charges. The day was a general holiday, and all kinds of sport was indulged in without restraint until noon. Chapel services were held by the missionaries, and the boys devoured a dinner of all sorts of good things. Songs of thanks and other interesting exercises were participated in. But few visitors were present, yet those were exceedingly pleased with the array of grateful and pleasant faces that greeted them on every side—at the hospitals, lunatic and infant asylums the inmates were made very happy.

BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

The extensive prison at Blackwell's Island was a scene of happiness also. The Wardens had given the prisoners an excellent dinner, and allowed them unusual liberties. For this they manifested great gratitude, and as one said to the TIMES reporter, "I tell you, Sir, you don't know much better such acts of kindness to us makes us feel. We want to be good, but often it seems as if all the world was so down on us we can't do better. But these things makes us kinder hope there is a chance." Many a pleasant word of welcome was spoken as the visitors passed along, and none could help pitying the unfortunates for their misdeeds.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

At Bellevue Hospital the patients were fed bountifully with turkey, chicken, and such delicacies as they could generally relish. Many friends, in many cases, added little "knick-knacks" and even flowers to the day's programme. Of course, there were some who could not participate, but these were presented with something available as a substitute. Flowers were given in many cases. At the German, the Mount Sinai, and the New-York Hospitals, the same kindnesses were bestowed.

THE MAGDALENS.

The inmates of the Magdalen Asylums had a happy time. At the Eighty-sixth-street institution, Rev. HENRY HARVEY, the Rescue-house Home, the Midnight Mission, and others, provision was made to give all a sumptuous meal, which they partook of with hearty zest, and thankful expressions to their benefactors.

THE ORPHANS.

The soldiers' and sailors' orphans belonging to the Union Home and School, at the corner of Eleventh-avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-first-street, observed the day by most interesting exercises. A drill occupied a brief part of the morning—recitations, music and declamation followed. Addresses by persons were also delivered. The grand feature of the day, of course, was the dinner. About 200 of the beneficiaries sat down to a most ample feast at 1 o'clock, and the friends who provided it, many of whom were present as spectators, felt much pleasure at the sight.

All the other institutions, including the "Sheltering Arms" on Ninth-avenue, similar provision was made. The Colored Home, in Harlem, also enjoyed the day in an appropriate manner. The Hebrew Orphan Asylum gave their inmates a splendid meal, and made the holiday full of pleasure.

The Shepherd's Fold also dined their little ones on the delicacies of the day, and made scores of faces happy and scores of hearts light.

THE TOMBS.

The results of the thievery of Tammany were felt, yesterday, even by the prisoners in the Tombs, who, in consequence of the depletion of the Treasury by the Ring, were deprived of their usual Thanksgiving dinner, and were provided only with the general prison fare, as the Commissioners of Charities were without the funds to provide a feast for them as in former years.

LUDLOW-STREET JAIL.

The prisoners at Ludlow-street Jail were treated to a Thanksgiving dinner yesterday, and though excluded from the outer world by circumstances over which they had no control, they enjoyed a good time among themselves.

THE DAY AMONG THE GERMANS.

Among the Germans the day was celebrated in the customary manner, by a series of social festivities, balls, musical entertainments, soirées, banquetting, &c. A feature of these festivities was a turn and fencing exhibition at the West-side Turn Hall, in Spring-street, last evening, which attracted a large attendance of visitors, who subsequently engaged in a *soirée dansante*. The musical entertainments given by the Saengerbund Society at Steinbruck Hall, in Fifth-street, was an attractive affair, in which the societies New-York Maennerchor and Hudson Maennerchor and several prominent soloists assisted. The programme embraced choice selections of the German composers. After the concert the audience engaged in a ball, which was continued until a late hour.

The 6th Ward Battalion of Cadets, a branch organization of the New-York Turnverein, at the Fifth Regiment Armory, in Hester-street, created a great deal of interest and attracted a large attendance of the parents of the cadets. The Steuben Schuetzencorps went on an excursion to the Lion Brewery Park, where they passed the day in various sharp-shooting practice. The Suavian Saengerbund, a leading vocal organization, celebrated its tenth anniversary at the Walhall, in Orchard-street, by a banquet and a series of social festivities, which were wound up by a ball. The Colonia Society gave a family soiree at the Germania Assembly Rooms, which was fully enjoyed by the members and their families. The Bremervoerde Social Club held forth at the Union Assembly Rooms, corner of Grand and Elizabeth streets. At the German places of amusement along the Bowery—at the Atlantic, National and Bowery Gardens, every manner of entertainment were provided for during the afternoon and evening. The German churches were open during the day for Thanksgiving service, and numerously attended by the church-going portion of the German community.

THE FANTASTICALS.

The Fantasticals, alias the Ragamuffins, showed themselves in full as great force, perhaps, as upon any similar occasion, greatly to the delight of the youngsters throughout the City, who greeted their arrival in the different districts with screams of laughter and every sign of approval. A large number of the Fantastic clubs turned out, and could not, at the lowest computation, number less than 600. The companies steered their course early in the day for the up-town pleasure gardens, and after dusk there was a renewal of the promenade through the various quarters of the City. The costumes were of the most varied descriptions, and the costumers must have reaped a rich harvest, as the hire of these garments averaged from $1 to $3 per day or night. Some of the companies had an effigy of "Big Six" in a hearse, along with sarcastic allusions on placards having reference to the late Municipal exposures. Another placard referred to "JIM FISK, who jumped the fences on the 12th of July." There were an unusual number of Indians resplendent with ochre and vermillion, besides "HONORABLE GERMANY and the Nigger," "Spanish Bull-fighters," &c.

In the evening there were balls at the Eastside Association Hall in Eighty-sixth-street and Third-avenue, as well as in Masonic Hall and other buildings, where such of the fantastical as were inclined to finish the amusement of the day in that manner found a second use for their costumes.

THE TARGET COMPANIES.

Notwithstanding the severity of the cold which prevailed throughout yesterday, the target companies mustered in great force throughout the City generally, and at an early hour formed at their various rendezvous and marched along the thoroughfares which lay in the way of their route to the shooting grounds. These, as usual, comprised the various suburbs, and Elm Park, Brooklyn, Williamsburg, Jersey City, Hoboken, Weehawken, besides the usual haunts as Sixty-third-street and up-town, were the scene of spirited contests for a variety of prizes. The shooting was fair, considering the state of the weather and the effect of the cold in benumbing the fingers of the marksmen, and the general discomfort produced by the unusual lowness of the temperature. In consequence, these trials of skill were hurried over with all possible dispatch, and the members of the various corps hastened with all available speed to shelter themselves under some convenient cover, or to participate in enjoyments more congenial to their circumstances, many of them fraternising with the fantastiques. The prizes contended for were numerous, and were very various in their nature.

THANKSGIVING SERMONS.

Discourse by Rev. Dr. Ogilby at Trinity Chapel.

"Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."—I. Thessalonians, v., 17 and 18.

The past year has not been one of unmingled happiness with us, great devastation and misery have fallen on some of us, and great crimes of murder, rapine and fraud have been perpetrated in our midst. But this is not the day to look upon the dark picture of human misfortune, and man's infamy, but rather to gaze in gratitude at the bright sunlight of peace and happiness which God in His infinite mercy has showered upon us. The Church of God in all ages has had opportunity to fulfill the high and religious duty of thanksgiving, and our own Church has especial cause to thank God this year, for its increase in spiritual work, and for the development of its temporal power, and for the hearty and gratifying enlargement of her numerous charities. This nation, our common country, has had a large share in the general prosperity and plenteous increase, and the blessed gift of peace, while numerous great calamities which have befallen us, but even in these our hearts have been drawn closer to God, and in the glorious manifestation of charity which sprang from the hearts of our own citizens, and from the people of all this continent, we have a noble and inspiring cause for thanking God for His mercy and goodness. We have also to thank God for the blessings of peace; we have heartily to thank God that a difficulty between the two great English speaking nations of the earth has been swept away, and not by the shedding of blood, not by war and desolation, but by Christian and civilized arbitration, which will henceforth make England and America as much as possible one, the example to the world. In our own City we have great cause for thanksgiving, we have to thank God with all our hearts, for the great victory of right over wrong, we have to thank God for the glorious triumph of law and justice over robbery, corruption and wrong-doing. Let us now thank God for His forbearing mercy to us in not cutting us off in the fruits of the earth and the increase in the world's prosperity, and in all our thoughts on this day; let us bless God for His loving kindness to us and to all men, and as you, my friends, go to your homes, think of the thousands in this City and country who are less happy, and less fortunate in their worldly lot, and remember that the charity which inspires us to open our hearts to our suffering neighbors is one of the highest attributes with which Almighty God has blessed our fallen natures.

Discourse by Rev. Dr. S. H. Tyng, Sr., at St. George's Church.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."—I. Thessalonians, v., 18.

One of the best characteristics of a Christian, said the preacher, is that he is habitually thankful and ever conscious of great benefits received. The Apostle says "in everything give thanks," while in another place he says "rejoice in the Lord always." We are not here today to discuss politics or any every-day subject, for if the world at large calls it a holiday we call it a holy-day. It is the day when we stand and pause to think of the one great munificent God, a day above all days; indeed, it is our great national token of Christianity. There was nothing in the European home of our fathers to equal this day; they kept no annual thanksgiving day, although after wars, the fall of a dynasty, or any other mercy vouchsafed, they never failed to offer their thanks to God. That noble little band which first settled in this country did not come for gain, they sought for freedom of worship, a home of peace, a resting-place where the peaceful canopy of God's love should prevent them from being molested by civil authority. In America they found this privilege, and it was they who instituted this holy festival. At Plymouth, where this band landed, even before they constructed homes, they consecrated a day of thanksgiving, and the second band, which landed in Boston, in 1630, hastily followed their example. They were small in numbers, but their consciences were made of iron and God's glory was their motive. It was the only saint's day the people of seventy hundred years have passed away, and the scheme which began in New-England has been generally adopted. From the shores of the Atlantic, across the wilds of the West to the broad Pacific, 40,000,000 people are to day carrying out the beautiful idea of those fifty little pilgrims. "In everything give thanks." This we possess, whether we are a merchant, pastor, a parent, or the farmer gathering in the fruits of the earth, we are bound to give thanks for it. If we possess an educated mind and a noble intellect we ought to thank God for it, for all our social honors and our best ideas may be traced to the fruits of the earth; for have not the beauties of nature expanded our ideas and made us more thoughtful than we should have been? If we are in the midst of trials we should also thank God, for the text says in everything give thanks. Think once a year at the least how much you owe to the Almighty, and endeavor to thank Him in the best manner possible. You can come here to this purpose. Cease your complaints, and go home with thankful hearts. Recount the many scenes of your life for which you have cause to be grateful, and contemplate them with a generous spirit. God's mercies to you are as boundless as the sands. Let your love flow, but remember to let not the hungry and the drunk of the stream. Take for your motto for this day, "In everything give thanks."

Discourse by Rev. Cyrus D. Foss, at St. Paul's M. E. Church.

"Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah."—Psalm lxviii., 19.

It was a matter for great rejoicing, that though we are born to trouble as the sparks fly upward, we as a people have this day much to be thankful for. The Lord has showered blessings upon us, and manifested His loving kindness in a thousand ways. Our harvests have been abundant, and we have been spared from pestilence. But of all the blessings for which we this day give thanks to the Lord our God, there is none for which we feel more grateful than the destruction of the Tammany Ring. Through the Providence of God we are free from the rule of the thieves and scoundrels, and honesty and uprightness in public office are again possible. The corrupt rascals who plundered and insulted the people, set the law at defiance and insulted all morality, have been sent howling to the kennels from whence they came. The atmosphere is once more clear, and we thank God for it. We pray that the Lord will still help us. This is a vale of tears through which we are passing, but every gleam of sunshine that illuminates our way is a welcome blessing sent us by the Lord our God. The preacher dwelt on the necessity of providing for the poor and appropriately concluded a very practical sermon.

Discourse by Rev. Dr. Bellows, Pastor of All Souls Church, Corner of Fourth-Avenue and Twentieth-street.

"So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me."—Nehemiah, xii., 40.

The reverend gentleman observed that there were always two companies of those who gave thanks, not alone in religion but in social festivities. There were two companies, one in flesh and blood, and the other in the ghostly conception of the departed that hovered around each happy home. Associations of a saddening character were recalled by the return of each Thanksgiving, for they remind us of lost loved ones, and instinctively recall to mind the final end of all creation. Yet with the natural reverence for Divinity inherent in all hearts, we assemble in God's presence and humbly record our meed of thanks for the blessings of the past year. Another link to the chain that separates us from companionship with Jesus has been removed, and the thoughtful Christian regards it in its proper spirit, and looks forward to the eternal reunion. Age, with its weakness and infirmity, has often been subject to the tyrannies of youth, forgetful that infirmity of body may frequently mean invigoration of soul. He did not believe in the materialistic idea that the growth and decay of the body and soul were simultaneous, but rather gloried in the pure Christian principles that the soul was in its best and most glorious state after the decay of the body. There were two other companies also who entertained different impressions with reference to the events of the past year. The sun that shines upon us in gloomy depression and sorrow, dawns upon others equally meritorious and good. The disaster of Chicago brought ruin and disaster to thousands upon thousands of capitalists and men of all conditions of life, but it also created a revolution of prosperity in the homes of the laboring classes. The lesson of the daily disasters of life showed that God had no favorites, and how much dependent we were upon Him for sustenance and support. It was saddening indeed to reflect on the calamities entailed in the conflagrations of the West, but its consideration in a Christly spirit would convince them that their ruin was their bliss, and their misfortune the means of securing them eternal salvation. Heaven was not always to be supposed as affording everlasting prosperity so that all may flesh and glitter in the parade of fashion and show. The very stability of society rested on the different conditions of class; each was mutually dependent on the other and each would be visible in this world for all time. In this connection Dr. BELLOWS referred to another class prevalent in this City, whose presence might be considered as a quarantine flag in front of the morning and virtuous away. Women who professed purity assailed the sacred character of the marital relation, and contaminated the whole fabric of society. The doctrines practiced in Utah were being disseminated in New-York, and were more destructive than any agency for the diffusion of crime suppressed by the hand of the law. There was but one rule for the exponents of this class—treat them as lepers, and cry out unclean! unclean! Their political system until recently was equally criminal. The most valued privileges of citizenship were shamefully trampled on. The ballot-box, the beacon of republicanism, was rendered a complete farce, and men were placed in power whose sole motive was personal aggrandisement, and a reckless-ness of the rights of others. Public offices were fearfully abused, the public funds were robbed on all sides and the religious sentiments of the young were defiled in consequence, and nothing but irrevocable ruin seemed to be the prospect of the future. But God be thanked, the hour of reckoning came, the authors and plunderers were hurled from their high places of power, and stood good chance of receiving that punishment which their crimes justly entailed. This was, indeed, a subject of thanksgiving, though the criminals had not yet been pursued to the furthest extent. He thanked God for the national prosperity during the year, and earnestly hoped for its continuance in the year to come.

Discourse by Rev. Dr. Vidvert, at the Thirty-Fourth-Street Synagogue.

"I have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thy hand, and give thee for a covenant of the peoples and a light of nations."—Isaiah xlii., 6.

MY FRIENDS: We have assembled here this day to give "thanks to the Lord and sing His praise." It is neither Sabbath nor Monday, yet it is a great day unto us citizens of this glorious Republic. It is a sublime thought to think that the Chief-Magistrate of this Commonwealth deems it one of his most sacred duties to call upon our nation to set apart one day, before the year passes away, for thanksgiving to the Donor of all good for the many blessings the land enjoys, and the manifold dispensations of mercy the nation derives from His endless bounty.

The custom of celebrating every year a Thanksgiving Day speaks volumes for the intrinsic worth and the internal greatness of our American people. It lays bare the adamantine foundation of our Republic. The original idea of celebrating a Thanksgiving Day is an Israelitish one. Our Feast of Tabernacles is a feast of thanksgiving for blessings received, and our great Republic, walking in the light of Israel, raises on this day its mighty voice in thanks and hallelujah to God, acknowledging that it was not our own foresight which guarded our people during the year against evil, but it was He who never slumbers nor sleeps, who shielded us by day and by night. Terrible were the disasters that befel many nations during this, but the Lord spared our country thus far, and no national evil or calamity approached our beloved shores. Behold, ninety-five years have elapsed since our Republic was called into life, and during the comparatively short period what unparalleled strides of material greatness and prosperity had been raised! From a mere handful of people, we have become a nation of forty millions, extending the hand of a common citizenship from the Atlantic coast to the glittering shores of the Pacific. But, does really the greatness of a nation consist in its material prosperity? By no means at all. Mind and property are only means leading a nation to the goal of its true intrinsic and internal greatness; and as long as the nation looks upon material prosperity as a gift from heaven, it is a blessing; otherwise, it becomes a curse. Speaking of liberty, the reverend gentleman said: Behold men born and reared beneath the ægis of American liberty, who had been entrusted by our fellow-citizens with the government of our City, used not liberty as a means to a holy end, but as a means of letting loose their base passions. To them liberty was license, and hence their unequaled corruption—their brazen-faced frauds and plunderings. Thus liberty was abused and used as a means of robbing and tyrannizing our City. But, thanks to God, on this day that the internal vitality of our institutions are as sound yet as ever, and on the last election day the people proved that they comprehend yet the glorious significance of self-government.

Discourse by Rev. Dr. Hall at the Fifth-Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Dr. HALL took his text from the one hundred and forty-seventh Psalm, twelfth verse: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion." It was not only the right, he said, but the duty of the rulers of the nation to set aside a day on which to render thanks for the blessings the nation had received during the past year. But, while the day was appointed by the nation's rulers, it was the Church alone which could adequately render, and whose proper mission it was to render praise and thanks to the Giver of all good. The nation's rulers set aside a day of thanksgiving, on which we had fasting and festivities, which were very good in their way, but it was only these holding evangelical ideas who could celebrate the day as it ought to be celebrated by Christians. There are those who maintain that the universe is God, and that in performing our ordinary duties we render all the praise and thanksgiving that are necessary. As well might the grasshopper that chirps by the mountain side claim that its deity was the mountain, and that the chirping was its homage demanded. We have a personal God—a pure and all-holy Spirit—who formed us after his own image and endowed us with the power of understanding to some extent the great wonders and principles of our present and future being. The reverend gentleman then eloquently reviewed the blessings which had been conferred during the past year on his hearers individually, on them as members of the Church, on the Church in general, and on the nation in which they had the happiness to live.

Discourse by Father Preston, at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

"Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves," &c.—Matthew x., 16.

The Thanksgiving services at St. Patrick's Cathedral, yesterday, were largely attended. At the 10½ o'clock high mass Rev. Dr. STARRS officiated as celebrant, Father DALY as deacon and Father MCNAMEE as subdeacon. Father PRESTON delivered an impressive discourse on the contest between the Church and the world. The preacher commenced by saying that they were assembled before the altar of God in accordance with wise proclamation of the Chief-Magistrate and the time-honored custom of the country, to return thanks to God for his great mercies, spiritual and temporal, during the past year; for bountiful crops for the preservation of our lives, for the preservation of that liberty for which our forefathers died, and for the grand privilege of free worship. It was eminently fitting, he continued, that they should praise and thank the Lord for the peace and prosperity of the past year, but as Catholics they should not forget at the same time to thank God for the benefit of the redemption of the countless treasures hidden in Jesus and the wondrous graces reserved in the sacraments of the Church. At the present time, he continued, the Church is suffering, and there are many afflictions from her fold, but still she is more united, powerful and mightier than for years gone by. This persecution of the Church is only a fulfillment of Christ's prophecy, as conveyed in the words of the text, but they should be comforted by His assurance that the gates of hell shall not prevail against that Church founded on Peter, as on a rock. Since the birth of the Church she world has always been arrayed against it. First came the persecutions of Judaism, then the still bloodier persecutions under the Romans; next the defection of the so-called Reformers, under LUTHER and CALVIN, who were led astray by their obstinacy and the desire of indulging individual liberty, in opposition to God's law and Christ's Church. We are now in a different stage of the contest where the enemy of the Church is rationalism and infidelity, the natural outgrowth of the Protestant doctrine of individual thinking. In consequence, morality is stopped when the Gospel truths are denied; the divine right of Kings is denied, and Government is considered as merely delegated by the people, while St. Paul's command, "Be ye subject to the higher power, for he that resisteth the powers resisteth the ordinance of God," is utterly disregarded and considered antiquated. The rights of man, as the will of the majority is asserted, change this principle can only lead to anarchy and communistic excesses, and in fine, public robbery of territory by nations, and of the people's money by individuals, is educated. As proof of this fact, the preacher instanced the confiscation of the Pope's dominions and the robbery by officials nearer home. The speaker concluded by denouncing the system of the public schools, which, he said, tended to throw religion into the background and to make the rising generation a race of infidels, and exhorted his hearers to be more earnest in their faith, and to renew their allegiance to the Catholic Church by joining the newly-established Catholic Union.

Discourse by Rev. De Witt Talmage, at the Tabernacle, Brooklyn.

"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."—Psalm xxxiii., 5.

Good old Thanksgiving Day has come; nothing could stop it. It has come pouring down through the days, weeks and months of the year, its path illumined by burning cities and graves, sometimes adorned with orange blossoms and again with funeral weeds; it has come marching on as the instruments piped the gay quickstep and then drummed the dead march. In one hand it holds a sheath of wheat and in the other a shock of corn; the little child lifts up its hands to bless it, and old age totters out to ask it to wait awhile at the altars of God. Come in, old day, sweet with ten thousand memories and mercies of God, and tell us how great is His goodness. On the bier of an aged man who died, they put, instead of flowers, a sheaf of wheat fully ripe; so on the remains of this harvest year let us put a sheaf of wheat fully ripe. By a sublime egotism man has come to appropriate this world to himself. Human life to animal life is as one to a million. Before we look at the goodness of our own gifts, let us look at God's goodness to the irrational creation. In a Summer day, when the air and grass are full of sound, there is not an unpleasant sound to be heard unless when a boy has broken a robin's wing, or the hunter's gun wounded the bird. The lark, the quail, the snake, the rhinoceros, the grisly bear, the shell-fish—all have their hourly delight. Goats climbing the rock, buffaloes flying over the prairie, the seal on the ice, the ostrich on the desert are so many bundles of joy. The Bible says they are filled with good; so they can't hold any more, they don't go moping about. Worms wriggle through the soil, ants run over the hillocks, happy all day and all night. A drop of water under the microscope reveals millions of insects singing hallelujah. The great God looks after all His creation. He tells the ichneumon where to find the eggs of the crocodile; the sable, the mink, the ermine, when they have worn out one set of furs, God gives them another. He takes care of the butterfly's wing and helps the moth out of its chrysalis. Amid thunder and lightning, God declared the cattle should have a Sunday. Why did God make a heaven for an animalcule in a dew-drop? Why does he do all these things? Explain, atheist! There is but one reason—God is good. To connect the animal life of the angelic creation, God must make a mingling of the temporal and the eternal, dust and glory, earth for his floor and heaven for his roof, God for his father and eternity for his life time. This body most wonderfully wrought—this hand, only four fingers and a thumb, a hundred thousand million dollars would not buy you an instrument as good, and in the body's history for all. Many and prosperity are only means leading a nation to the goal of its true intrinsic and internal greatness; and as long as the nation looks upon material prosperity as a gift from heaven, it is a blessing; otherwise, it becomes a curse. Speaking of liberty, the reverend gentleman said: Behold men born and reared beneath the ægis of American liberty, who had been entrusted by our fellow-citizens with the government of our City, used not liberty as a means to a holy end, but as a means of letting loose their base passions. To them liberty was license, and hence their unequaled corruption—their brazen-faced frauds and plunderings. Thus liberty was abused and used as a means of robbing and tyrannizing our City. But, thanks to God, on this day that the internal vitality of our institutions are as sound yet as ever, and on the last election day the people proved that they comprehend yet the glorious significance of self-government.

Discourse by Rev. Dr. Hall at the Fifth-Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Dr. HALL took his text from the one hundred and forty-seventh Psalm, twelfth verse: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion." It was not only the right, he said, but the duty of the rulers of the nation to set aside a day on which to render thanks for the blessings the nation had received during the past year. But, while the day was appointed by the nation's rulers, it was the Church alone which could adequately render, and whose proper mission it was to render praise and thanks to the Giver of all good. The nation's rulers set aside a day of thanksgiving, on which we had fasting and festivities, which were very good in their way, but it was only these holding evangelical ideas who could celebrate the day as it ought to be celebrated by Christians. There are those who maintain that the universe is God, and that in performing our ordinary duties we render all the praise and thanksgiving that are necessary. As well might the grasshopper that chirps by the mountain side claim that its deity was the mountain, and that the chirping was its homage demanded. We have a personal God—a pure and all-holy Spirit—who formed us after his own image and endowed us with the power of understanding to some extent the great wonders and principles of our present and future being. The reverend gentleman then eloquently reviewed the blessings which had been conferred during the past year on his hearers individually, on them as members of the Church, on the Church in general, and on the nation in which they had the happiness to live.

Discourse by Rev. Dr. Rankin, at the Tabernacle, Brooklyn.

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Discourse of Rev. H. W. Beecher at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

"My Father's house."—Genesis xlvi., 8.

He said that there was a great difference between Thanksgiving Day and a day of giving thanks. There could be no explanation of the terms needed by those who are New-Englanders. This is a day of self-glorification among New-England Yankees, who still retain the flavor of the Thanksgiving of fifty years ago in their mouths. [Laughter.] He proceed to tell the audience something about his father's house, which was in old Litchfield. He spoke of the community as always expecting to be rich. Wages for mechanics averaged fifty cents a day—hear that, ye brick-layers! [Sensation.] The shoemaker came around once a year, and many a fit was good enough for any one who had a fit on him. [Laughter.] Every boy and girl had some part of the household work to do. Before he was ten years old he washed dishes, and prepared them for washing [laughter]; to clear the table, and break dishes; to go to school, and not to study; he was a good boy, that no one could get along with or without. [Laughter.] The old house was roomy—for the elements—and Winter reigned in the morning. Happy thou, when dry kindling-wood was not consumed before the Winter was. Nothing could live in Litchfield that was not hardy, and consequently everybody that lived in Litchfield. The food was good, with doughnuts put in by way of punctuation. [Laughter.] We had bread and molasses, apple-sauce and pies, and all other good things. The Spring opened with a fast of humiliation. As I was a boy, the loss of a full meal on any day was a serious affair. To my children it was thought with blessing. To my idea a dinnerless day was like a torn suit of clothes—both ends, but no middle. [Laughter.] In early days there was so much set apart

tation to elect him. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

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1871	Justice	70084	62367
1871	Governor	70042	62683
1870	Congress	56743	71068
1868	President	103967	84710
1867	Governor	73837	66873

The State officers elected on the 7th of November are as follows, and are all Republicans:

Governor	Cadwallader C. Washburn.
Lieutenant-Governor	Milton H. Pettit.
Secretary of State	Llewellyn Breese.
Treasurer	Henry Baetz.
Attorney-General	Stephen S. Barlow.
Supt. of Instruction	Samuel Fallows.
Prison Commissioner	George F. Wheeler.
Com. of Immigration	Olof G. Jakobson.

Michigan.

There was an election in Michigan on the 4th of April, for a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, and two Regents of the State University. It resulted in the election of the Republican candidates, the vote being as follows: For Justice of the Supreme Court—JAMES V. CAMPBELL, Republican, 98,260; DARWIN D. HUGUNS, Democrat, 76,740; ALBERT WILLIAMS, Prohibitionist, 5,617. The Republican candidates for Regents of the University were chosen by nearly 20,000 majority. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

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The State officers elected in April were:

Justice of the Supreme Court	James V. Campbell.
Regents of the University	Claudius B. Grant, Charles Eyre.

Florida.

On the 4th of April the people of Florida held a special election on certain proposed amendments to the State Constitution, all of which were carried. The amendments were five in number. The first provided for a reduction of salaries of State officers, and a per diem for the members of the Legislature; the second united the office of Surveyor-General and Commissioner of Immigration; the third, fourth and fifth related to the Courts. The questions were not political, and the details of the vote therefore have little general interest.

Rhode Island.

Rhode Island held its election for Governor and Legislature April 4, 1871, its Congressmen having been chosen in the Fall of 1870. The April election resulted in a Republican victory, Hon. SETH PADELFORD, Republican, being re-elected Governor over Thos. Granger, Democrat. The Senate stood twenty-six Republicans, nine Democrats and one vacancy; the House fifty-one Republicans, thirteen Democrats and eight vacancies. The vacancies were filled at subsequent special elections. There was no election of Lieutenant-Governor by the people. The Republican candidate was elected by the Legislature.

On Monday, Oct. 2, the State voted upon and rejected three proposed amendments to its Constitution. The first, known as Article 2, removed the property qualification for the suffrage from alien residents and established an educational qualification; the second, Article 4, abolished the Registry Laws; the third, Article 7, prohibited appropriations or special taxation for sectarian schools. A vote of three-fifths was by the Constitution required to ratify these amendments. The vote was: Article 2—For, 8,285; against, 6,958. Article 4—For, 8,767; against, 4,163. Article 7—For, 8,177; against, 4,974. The amendments were, therefore, all rejected. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Governor	8025	5267
1870	Congress	8402	7525
1869	Governor	8552	6220
1868	President	7370	6548
1867	President	12268	8548
1867	Governor	9767	8452

The State officers elected in April (with the Lieutenant-Governor chosen by the Legislature, as stated above,) were all Republicans, their names being:

Governor	Seth Padelford.
Lieutenant-Governor	Durfee W. Stevens.
Secretary of State	John E. Bartlett.
Attorney-General	Willard Sayles.
Treasurer	Samuel A. Parker.

West Virginia.

West Virginia has held three elections during the year. The first was on April 27, and was a special one, on what was known as the Flick amendment to the State Constitution, which removed political disabilities on account of colored participation in the rebellion. The amendment was ratified, the vote standing 22,146 yeas, 6,823 nays; majority in favor, 17,323.

On the 24th of August there was a special election in the same State on the proposition to hold a convention to frame a new Constitution for the State. This proposition was carried, the vote being: For Convention, 20,328; against it, 27,580; majority in favor, 2,812.

On the 26th of October was held an election for members of this Convention and for the Legislature. The result is not officially known, but is understood to be as follows: To the Constitutional Convention, twelve Republicans and sixty-six Democrats; to the Senate, one Republican (three holding over) and twelve Democrats, (six holding over;) to the House, eleven Republicans and forty-five Democrats. The vote of the State in recent years has been:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1870	Governor	23566	18489
1870	Secretary of State	23715	20007
1869	Governor	22009	23051
1868	President	30173	23,18
1868	Governor	30923	23,60

Minnesota.

The people of Minnesota held a special election MAY 2, on a proposition to redeem the railroad bonds, and rejected it by a vote of 9,326 yeas to 21,408 nays. Very incomplete returns of this election were made. On the 7th of November occurred the regular State election, resulting in a Republican victory. Two proposed amendments to the State Constitution were also voted upon and ratified. One forbids the Legislature to relieve railroads from the tax on their gross earnings; the other authorizes an increase of the State debt to the amount of $250,000 beyond the quarter of a million dollars now authorized, for the erection of an asylum for the deaf, dumb and blind, and for a State prison. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Governor	30121	24787
1870	Congress	30179	25498
1869	Governor	27346	25499
1868	President	43545	28078

The Legislature elected Nov. 7 has a Republican majority of fifty-three on joint ballot. The State officers elected are all Republican, and are as follows:

Governor	Horace Austin.
Lieutenant-Governor	William H. Yale.
Secretary of State	S. P. Jennison.
Attorney-General	E. E. Cornell.
Justices of the Supreme Court	{ J. R. McMillan, John M. Berry.

North Carolina.

There was a special election in North Carolina on Thursday, Aug. 3, on a proposition to hold a Convention to revise the Constitution of the State. This was understood to be a Democratic measure, and party lines were pretty closely drawn. The contest ended in the defeat of the measure, the vote standing: For the Constitution, 96,606; against it, 96,952. The vote of the State in recent years has been:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1870	Attorney-General	72234	57332
1868	President	96165	84,6
1868	Governor	93128	74291

California.

On the 5th of September, California held its regular election, choosing its Governor and other State officers, a portion of its Legislature, three members of Congress and other officers. The result was a sweeping Republican victory. The Governor chosen will serve four years. The Congressmen chosen are all Republicans. The Legislature, which is also Republican, will choose a United States Senator to succeed Hon. CORNELIUS COLE. Hon. NEWTON BOOTH, the Republican candidate for Governor, received a majority of 8,021 votes over HENRY H. HAIGHT, the Democratic candidate, and the present incumbent. The vote for Congressmen resulted in a Republican gain of two, and was as follows:

Dist.	Republican.	Democratic.
1.	C. O. Earquhar	
2.	A. Logan, A. Sargent	James A. Johnson
3.	John M. Coghlan	James A. Johnson
4.		James A. Johnson

The people also voted to refund their State debt at new six per cent. twenty years bonds, and to amend the Constitution to forbid the Legislature to make an appropriation of money for any purpose whatever for a longer period than two years. The following was the vote of the State compared with previous years:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Judges	54,3	54078
1869	President	54,3	54078
1867	Governor	49747	49005

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, there was another election in California, two Justices of the Supreme Court and a Superintendent of Public Instruction, not to mention various local Judges, being chosen. The result was an increased Republican majority on a diminished vote. The State officers elected at these two elections are as follows, all being Republicans except the Harbor Commissioner:

Governor	Newton Booth.
Lieutenant-Governor	Romualdo Pacheco.
Secretary of State	Drury Malone.
Controller	James J. Green.
Treasurer	Ferdinand Bosbin.
Attorney-General	John Lord Love.
Surveyor	Robert Gardner.
State Printer	Thos. A. Springer.
Harbor Commissioner	John Rosenfeld.
Judges	A. L. Rhodes.
	A. C. Niles. (vacancy.)
Superintendent of Instruction	H. N. Bolander.
Clerk Supreme Court	Grant I. Taggert.

Kentucky.

Kentucky held its regular election on the 6th of August, and, as usual, it resulted in a complete Democratic victory, although the Republicans made gains in their vote, partly by the aid of the newly-enfranchised colored men. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Governor	89,3	120,0
1870	Congress	76,3	90,0
1869	Treasurer	90,0	98,7
1868	Governor	90,3	115,0
1868	President	90,3	115,0

The officers elected in August are these, all being Democrats:

Governor	Preston H. Leslie.
Lieutenant-Governor	John G. Carlisle.
Attorney-General	John Rodman.
Auditor	D. Howard Smith.
Treasurer	James W. Tate.
Land Register	J. Alex. Grant.
Supt. Public Instruction	H. A. M. Henderson.

Maine.

Maine's annual election occurred on the 12th of September, and resulted in the usual Republican victory, Hon. SIDNEY PERHAM being re-elected Governor, and the Legislature being largely Republican in both branches. The vote will not be canvassed officially until the meeting of the Legislature in January, but nearly complete returns give for Governor: SIDNEY PERHAM, Republican, 68,167; CHARLES P. KIMBALL, Democrat, 47,365; Republican majority, 20,802. The vote of the State in recent years has been:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Governor	56187	47365
1870	Governor	56040	44534
1869	Governor	51878	39054
1868	President	70128	48289
1867	Governor	70884	48121

The State officers elected in October are Republicans, as follows:

Governor	Edward F. Noyes.
Lieutenant-Governor	Jacob Mueller.
Public Works Commissioner	R. R. Hoamer.
Supreme Judge	T. H. West.
Treasurer	Isaac N. Welch.
Attorney-General	F. B. Pond.
School Commissioner	Thos. W. Harvey.
Clerk Supreme Court	Rodney Foos.
Auditor	James Williams.

Nebraska.

The only election held in Nebraska during the year has been a special one on a proposed new Constitution for the State. This was held on Tuesday, Sept. 19, and the Constitution was rejected, by a vote of 7,998 yeas and 8,627 nays.

Texas.

A special election of Congressmen was held in the four districts of Texas on the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th of October. Although so long a time has elapsed, the vote has not yet been officially canvassed. The first telegraphic reports recorded a Democratic success in all the districts. Numerous frauds are alleged, however, and it is understood that certificates of election will be awarded to the Republican candidates in the First and Third Districts, and to the Democratic candidates in the Second and Fourth.

Iowa.

Iowa held its regular election on the 10th of October, and, as usual, elected the full Republican ticket. The official returns have not been canvassed yet, but the Republican majority for Governor is stated at 41,223. The Republicans have a large majority in both branches of the Legislature, which will choose a United States Senator to succeed Hon. JAMES HARLAN. The vote of the State in recent years has been:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Secretary of State	187167	146313
1869	Governor	120399	78,3
1868	Governor	130,3	78,3
1868	President	118,0	78,3

Ohio.

Ohio held its annual election on Tuesday, Oct. 10, and once more recorded a Republican victory, Gen. EDWARD F. NOYES, Republican, being elected Governor over Col. GEORGE W. MCCOOK, Democrat. The Senate then chosen will contain eighteen Republicans and eighteen Democrats; the House fifty-eight Republicans and forty-four Democrats; there being two vacancies. The State voted by 13,982 majority in favor of a Constitutional Convention. The vote of the State in recent years has been:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Governor	238,3	216,3
1869	Governor	257,3	238,3
1868	President	280,3	238,3
1867	Governor	215,0	240,3

The State officers elected in October are Republicans, as follows:

Auditor-General	David Stanton.
Surveyor-General	Robert B. Beath.

Maryland.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, Maryland elected its State officers and a portion of its Legislature. There were some Republican gains in the Legislature, and the majority for the Democratic candidate for Governor was reduced from the customary high figure, the vote standing: JAMES TOMS, Republican, 28,274; WILLIAM PINKNEY WHYTE, Democrat, 73,869. The vote of Maryland in recent years has been as follows:

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1870	Comptroller	29119	72,0
1868	President	30,3	93,7
1867	Governor	31,0	74,0

The State officers elected at the late election were the following, all being Democrats:

Governor	Wm. Pinckney Whyte.
Attorney-General	Lewis Woolford.
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Massachusetts.

Massachusetts, on the 7th of November, held its usual annual election, and after a vigorously-contested campaign, once more recorded its emphatic indorsement of Republicans and Republican policy, electing the candidates of that party by an increased majority over the combined vote of their opponents, known as Democrats, Prohibitionists and Labor Reformers. Each of these parties ran an entire ticket of its own candidates for State officers, with the following result: Republican, 78,199; Democratic, 47,784; Prohibition, 4,892; Labor Reform, 6,538. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

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1870	Governor	72,0	48,0
1869	Governor	63,0	49,0
1868	President	136,0	91,0
1867	Governor	126,0	83,0

Pennsylvania.

The election in Pennsylvania occurred on the 10th of October, and was confined to the selection of Auditor-General and Surveyor-General, members of the Legislature, and the question of holding a Constitutional Convention. The State was carried by the Republicans, their candidates for the State officers being elected, and the Senate consisting of seventeen Republicans and sixteen Democrats, the House of sixty-one Republicans, thirty-eight Democrats, and one Independent. Since the election Dr. STANTON, Auditor elect, and one Republican member of the Senate have died. The Convention was carried by a majority of 288,149, in a total of 598,359. The vote of the State in recent years has been:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Auditor	294027	239751
1869	Governor	280,3	256,3
1868	President	342,0	276,3
1867	Governor	307,4	260,0

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OFFICIAL VOTE FOR SECRETARY.

The following is the official vote by counties for Secretary of State at the recent election, compared with the vote for Governor last year:

Counties.	1871 Secretary.	1871 Governor.	1870 Wood-ford.	1870 Hall.
Albany	12504	13,0	11779	12,0
Allegany	3225	2,0	3,0	2747
Broome	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Cattaraugus	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Cayuga	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Chautauqua	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Chemung	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Chenango	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Clinton	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Columbia	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Cortland	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Delaware	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Dutchess	7,0	4,0	3,0	3,0
Erie	14,0	13,0	13,0	14,0
Essex	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Franklin	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Fulton & Hamilton	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Genesee	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Greene	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Herkimer	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Jefferson	7,0	5,0	7,0	7,0
Kings	30,0	29,0	25,0	28,0
Lewis	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Livingston	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Madison	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Monroe	11,0	7,0	8,0	9,0
Montgomery	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
New-York	34,0	32,0	24,0	30,0
Niagara	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Oneida	11,0	9,0	8,0	10,0
Onondaga	9,0	7,0	7,0	8,0
Ontario	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Orange	7,0	5,0	5,0	6,0
Orleans	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Oswego	5,0	4,0	4,0	5,0
Otsego	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Putnam	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
Queens	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Rensselaer	5,0	4,0	4,0	4,0
Richmond	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Rockland	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
St. Lawrence	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Saratoga	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Schenectady	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Schoharie	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Schuyler	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Seneca	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Steuben	5,0	4,0	4,0	4,0
Suffolk	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Sullivan	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Tioga	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Tompkins	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Ulster	7,0	7,0	6,0	6,0
Warren	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Washington	5,0	5,0	5,0	5,0
Wayne	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Westchester	10,0	9,0	9,0	10,0
Wyoming	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Yates	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
Total	307,0	283,0	268,0	280,0
Majorities	18,0			12,0

Republican gain over last year, 31,000; total vote in 1871, 725,319; in 1870, 705,000.

The official vote for the other candidates for State officers is as follows:

	Republican.	Democratic.
Controller	Hopkins.....287,0	Bixbee.....267,0
Attorney-Gen.	Barlow.....268,0	Champlain.....267,0
Treasurer	Wright.....287,0	Bristol.....268,0
Eng. & Surveyor	Taylor.....287,0	Ellsworth.....268,0
Canal Com'r	Barkley.....287,0	Chapman.....268,0
Prison Insp.	Kirkpatrick.....287,0	McNeil.....268,0

Average Republican majority, 20,000.

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR SENATORS.

The following is a statement of the official vote for Senator in the several districts of New-York, compared with the vote for the same position in 1869:

Counties.	1871 Rep.	1871 Dem.	1869 Rep.	1869 Dem.
	Deane.	Cook.	Deane.	Fish.
Suffolk	3065	3674	3222	3053
Queens	2005	2729	2555	2695
Richmond	1002	1488	1562	2057
Total	10092	10890	7843	8701

SECOND DISTRICT.

Counties.	Furey.	Pierce.	Kaufmann.	Pierce.
Part of Kings	16003	14098	15470	11631

THIRD DISTRICT.

Counties.	Van Sicklen.	Murphy.	Oakey.	Murphy.
Part of Kings	15014	11979	10037	10266

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Rossa.	Tweed.	Willis.	Tweed.
Part of New-York	6527	16705	3415	25603

[Miller received 2,851 votes, and Bangs 258.]

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Benedict.	Morgan.	Sharpe.	Monson.
Part of New-York	15212	10270	6911	10883

[Flynn, Democrat, received 2,236 votes, in 1869.]

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Weis-man.	Wolfman.	Knapp.	Cremier.
Part of New-York	10324	7834	4741	16252

[Nachtman received 4,039 votes, Sterry 758 and Meyer 400.]

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	O'Brien.	Genet.	Stead-ley.	Andrews.	Bradley.
Part of New-York	22262	4097	6078		25239

[Pullman received 2,661 votes. In 1869 O'Brien received 2,302.]

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Thomas.	Genet.	Stern.	Genet.
Part of New-York	17249	3,0	5782	13440

NINTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Robertson.	Canfield.	Bowen.	Caulfield.
Westchester	12441	7184	6800	7805
Putnam	1035	1224	880	1360
Rockland	2076	1943	1106	1678
Total	15552	10351	8586	10843

TENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Maddox.	Beebe.	Clark.	Graham.
Orange	6303	3591	6116	8411
Sullivan	2402	2008	2165	2766
Total	10727	6078	8284	8879

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Palmer.	Nelson.	Rider.	Morgan.
Dutchess	7704	504	6250	6018
Columbia	5367	4201	4159	4859
Total	13131	5175	10419	10903

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Baker.	Russell.	Thayer.	Strait.
Rensselaer	10060	9273	7611	8075
Washington	6946	3976	4401	5748
Total	16706	13249	12012	10823

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Adams.	Tracey.	Collins.	Banks.
Albany	15241	9969	9969	11174

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Sanderson.	Hardenbergh.	Lyon.	Hardenburg.
Greene	2923	3324	2257	3807
Ulster	7515	7841	3937	6870
Total	10437	11165	7474	10026

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Warner.	Fuller.	Youngclove.	Blood.
Saratoga	5410	4061	4911	6723
Montgomery	4426	2262	3170	3615
Fulton and Hamilton	2915	1516	2522	3097
Schenectady	2469	2231	2072	2336
Total	15219	10069	12675	14879

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Ames.	Havens.	Le Barn.	Norton.
Warren	3743	3031	1529	3102
Essex	2015	1516	2210	2040
Clinton	3672	3275	2315	4142
Total	9337	7106	6494	9284

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Dickinson.	Styles.	Parker.	Mason.
St. Lawrence	6252	2305	7792	2951
Franklin	2753	1360	2277	1718
Total	11359	4665	10169	4269

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Winslow.	Porter.	Winslow.	Brown.
Jefferson	7127	3654	6978	4911
Lewis	3009	2220	2551	2078
Total	10136	5874	9529	7429

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Lowery.	Sanford.	Goodwin.	Sanford.
Oneida	11459	9537	9619	9536

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

Counties.	McGowan.	Scott.	Elwood.	Horsch.
Herkimer	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Otsego	6402	5162	5407	5536
Total	10456	8613	9430	9007

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

Counties.	Foster.	Lewis.	Brand.	Fairchild.
Oswego	7241	5035	6582	4035
Madison	4839	3236	4766	3104
Total	12080	8271	11348	7139

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

Counties.	Wood.	Parker.	Kennedy.	Noxon.
Onondaga	9422	4709	5782	4510
Cortland	3166	1269	2574	1313
Total	12588	5978	8356	5823

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

Counties.	Graham.	Yeoman.	Kingsley.	Hubbard.
Chenango	5568	3902	4570	4223
Delaware	5064	3617	4245	4026
Schoharie	3012	2027	2986	2315
Total	13644	9546	11801	10564

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Child-field.	Neil.	Chase.	Munson.
Broome	4,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
Tioga	3616	2473	3417	2466
Tompkins	4005	2238	3474	2489
Total	11858	8014	11103	7955

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Woodin.	Wyckoff.	Woodin.	Mirick.
Cayuga	5837	4284	5397	3778
Wayne	5299	3676	4719	3637
Total	12136	8008	10818	7415

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Owen-land.	Johnson.	Folger.	Lemon.
Ontario	6464	4729	6406	4,0
Yates	1726	1279	2117	1279
Seneca	2418	2011	2178	2519
Total	10608	8020	10701	8798

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Hat-field.	Bradley.	Allmen.	Barnard.
Chemung	3067	3074	3078	3264
Schuyler	2033	2139	1943	2047
Steuben	7109	6733	6703	6796
Total	12270	12946	11624	12107

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Kelly.	Lamb.	Rush.	Lamb.
Monroe	6958	10524	6130	6840

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Bowen.	Bissell.	Bowen.	Brooks.
Niagara	4127	3812	4068	3747
Orleans	3647	3248	3039	1911
Genesee	3250	3236	3270	3423
Total	11024	9402	9777	9081

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

Counties.	Wood.	Harding.	Wood.	Vibbard.
Wyoming	3427	1810	2998	1803
Livingston	5117	3295	3995	3291
Allegany	4283	2417	4469	2144
Total	12827	7522	11372	7238

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

Counties.	Lewis.	Fargo.	Lewis.	Nichols.
Erie	13441	12860	12944	11995

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

Counties.	Allen.	Stowell.	Scott.	Sutton.
Chautauqua	6105	3270	6544	3272
Cattaraugus	4566	3105	6140	3022
Total	10701	6375	10684	6194

Illinois.

On the 7th of November a special election was held in Illinois for Congressman-at-Large, to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Gen. JOHN A. LOGAN to the United States Senate. Gen. JOHN L. BEVERIDGE was the Republican candidate, and Hon. S. S. HAYES the nominee of the Democrats. Gen. BEVERIDGE was chosen, he receiving (one small county not having been heard from) 187,864 votes to 115,040 for Mr. HAYES. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Congressman	187,8	115,0
1870	Congressman	143,0	98,3
1868	President	250,3	199,1

Mississippi.

There was an election of members of the Legislature only in Mississippi on Tuesday, Nov. 7. It resulted in the success of the Republicans, who will have a majority of about eighteen on joint ballot. The vote of the State in recent years has been:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1869	Governor	76136	29707
1869	Congress	71760	27169

New-Jersey.

New-Jersey, on the 7th of November, elected its Governor and most of the members of the Legislature. The Democrats elected Hon. JOEL PARKER, their candidate for Governor, over CORNELIUS WALSH, the Republican nominee, but the Republicans retain the Legislature, the Senate standing twelve Republicans and nine Democrats, and the Assembly thirty-eight Republicans and twenty-two Democrats. The vote of the State in recent years has been as follows:

Year.	Office.	Republican.	Democratic.
1871	Governor	76229	62300
1870	Congress	54,28	73,73
1868	Governor	79,21	63,0
1868	President	80,31	62,0

The vote of the State by counties at the late election was as follows:

Counties.	GOVERNOR. Walsh.	GOVERNOR. Parker.	CONGRESS. Rep.	CONGRESS. Dem.
Atlantic	1,2,3	1,0,2,3	940	....
Bergen	2,0,4,8	3,2,7,0	....	115
Burlington	3,6,4,8	4,3,6,7	726	....
Camden	4,2,2,0	3,7,1,7	730	....
Cape May	7,2,3	6,3,8	190	....
Cumberland	9,4,1,7	8,0,1,6	975	....
Essex	16,8,4,7	11,9,6,0	1,4,2,7	....
Gloucester	2,8,0,1	1,9,6,0	496	....
Hudson	7,2,3,1	10,2,3,7	....	1,1,1,0
Hunterdon	3,0,2,3	1,0,3,1	....	3,5,4,3
Mercer	6,0,0,5	4,5,3,1	4,7,8	....
Middlesex	4,1,7,5	4,3,4,7	....	1,2,8
Monmouth	4,0,3,1	3,2,2,4	....	1,1,4,6
Morris	5,7,7,1	3,7,4,3	5,3,1	....
Ocean	1,0,2,3	1,1,7,3	2,9,9	....
Passaic	4,1,4,7	3,2,2,3	1,0,7,3	....
Salem	3,3,6,1	2,9,4,3	1,9	....
Somerset	2,2,9,4	2,4,6,7	....	1,2,9
Sussex	1,8,4,9	1,7,4,9	....	1,2,6,2
Union	3,7,0,4	4,3,0,4	....	7,8
Warren	3,1,1,7	4,0,9,1	....	1,9,4,1
Total	78,8,

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"I hope that, sooner or later, there will be formed in Japan a chain of western colonies, peaceably developing the natural and commercial resources of that admirable country, along a line indicated by Yokotsama, Hiogo, Simonoseki and Nangasaki. They would be united by regular steam communication. The steam-ships of America, as well as those of China, would flourish the relations of both worlds with the great archipelago of the Pacific. Europeans, weary of a tropical climate, or of the burdens of business in China, would then come to seek a healthful and bracing retreat, or repose on the shores of the Japanese Mediterranean. How many families established in China, how many European women with their children, would be happy to exchange the crying Summer months for a refuge worthy the most beautiful regions of Italy, and yet so near their present residence!"

Taking up his residence in the Japanese quarter of Yokohama, M. HUMBERT, commenced his studies of the national peculiarities and characteristics. Among other curious facts he tells us that:

"Every horse in Japan has his separate *tatte*, who always accompanies him when ridden out, running in advance or at the side of the horseman. These robust fellows form in Japan a corporation or guild, which has its own separate Government. All others, except those which enjoy the right of wearing a sword. They are of no mean stature, but strong and well proportioned. Their lives are spent in a state of almost complete nudity, though they generally wear sandals, a loin-cloth and a short jacket when accompanying their masters abroad.

"M. HUMBERT had a valet, a little Japanese boy, by the name of 'To.' He was a fellow of quick intelligence, but with an air of gravity and prudence much beyond his years. 'It was from 'To,' says the minister, 'that I took my first Japanese lesson. He gave me the key to conversation in three words, and the philosophical character of the method he employed will at once be appreciated. The operations of the mind resolve themselves into three forms—doubt, negation and affirmation. As soon as one knows how to express these three operations, the rest is only a matter of the vocabulary—a charging of the memory with a certain number of the usual words. Thus we will commence with doubt, and say in Japanese, *Arimasika?* which signifies, 'Is there?' Then we pass to negation, *Arimasi*, 'There is not,' and finish with *Arimas*, 'There is.' After that, the Vocabulary will furnish us with the words which we most need, as *Nipon*, Japan, Japanese; *chi*, fire; *cha*, tea; *ma*, a horse; *mizu*, water, &c. Add a little mimicry and we shall be able to comprehend many things without the aid of an interpreter. Thus coming home after a long walk I order To to bring me tea: 'Cha ar-

waka?' He answers 'Arimasi,' and soon the refreshing beverage is on my table. By the same process, I tell him to put the water on the fire, or in the sea, to call the bette and have the horse saddled, &c."

While M. HUMBERT was in Yokohama, he was honored by a call from native ladies, which he describes most pleasantly:

"Their first impression," he tells us, "was a sense admiration of what they saw, followed by a general hilarity, for the tall pier-glasses, descending to the floor, reflected and repeated these forms, from head to foot, behind as well as in front. While the younger visitors continued to contemplate this phenomenon, so new and attractive to them, the married women asked me to explain the meaning of the pictures on the walls. I stated that they represented the Tycoon of Holland and wife, together with several great dignitaries of the reigning family. They respectfully bowed; but one of them, whose curiosity was not satisfied, timidly expressed the opinion that the portrait of the *bette* of his Dutch Majesty had been inclined in the royal company. I did not enlighten her, for she could never have comprehended the noble fashion of representing a prince on foot, beside his saddle-horse, and even holding the bridle, like a Japanese groom! Others, after having carefully examined the velvet of the chairs and sofas, came to me for the decision of a question which had arisen among them concerning the use of those pieces of furniture. They agreed that the chairs were made to be sat upon; but the sofa? Did we not crouch upon them, with crossed legs, when the meals were served? They heartily commiserated the ladies and gentlemen of the West, who were obliged to use such an inconvenient piece of furniture, always sitting with their feet painfully resting on the floor.

"My bedroom, opening from the salon, was next invaded. I cannot describe all the subjects of astonishment discovered by the curious troop. The gift of some articles of Parisian perfumery was well appreciated; but I could not imagine them under the form of *sous, de* Congress, for the cambric handkerchief unknown to Japanese ladies. They informed me that the poorest girl would never degrade herself by carrying in her pocket an article with which she had wiped her nose. Too little squares of paper which they carry for the purpose are not likely, therefore, to be easily supplanted."

M. HUMBERT'S observations upon the physical peculiarities of the Japanese are interesting. As a race, he tells us, they

"are of medium stature, and have scarcely the slightest resemblance to the Chinese, either in face, form, or complexion. The only European race which they sometimes suggest in their appearance, is the Portuguese. There is more difference in the relative height of the sexes than in Europe. According to the observations made by Dr. GENELLE, a physician, the medium stature of the men is five Paris feet, one or two inches, and of the women, four feet, one to three inches. Men of six feet, however, are not uncommon. They all have straight, thick, jet-black hair; the men have beards, but the custom of shaving is universal. The color of their skin varies, according to the classes of society, from the dark, copper-brown of the Malays to the dead-white or tawny of Southern Europe. The prevailing tint is a dark olive, which has no affinity to the yellow of the Chinese. Unlike the Europeans, their faces and hands are generally lighter colored than their bodies. Children, youths and girls, often have a fresh rosy color, with a red on their cheeks, like that of the fairer sex of the Mediterranean. The women sometimes appear perfectly white; in fact, a uniform, dead white complexion is considered a sign of aristocratic blood. In two particulars, however, they are all unlike the Europeans—in the peculiar slant of the eyes, and an ungraceful narrowness and flatness of the breast.

"The national Japanese costume is the *kosimon*, a sort of open dressing-gown, which is made a little longer and fuller for the women than for the men. It is crossed in front, and held in its place by a girdle, for which the men use a silk scarf, and the women a broad band, highly ornamented, and fastened upon the back. They wear no linen, but bathe every day; the women alone, sometimes have a chemise of red crape. In Summer, the peasants, fishers, hetios, porters, and other laboring classes are nude, except a narrow girdle around the loins; and the bathing-houses of the people are as freely open to the public as their dwellings.

"In Winter, the common people wear a close fitting jacket and trousers of blue cotton cloth, under a dressing-gown, and the women one or two wadded manties. The men of the better class, and the nobles, never go abroad without the jacket and trousers; the principal difference of costume between the classes is only in the material, the nobles alone having the right to wear silk. They only dress very richly when they go to Court or make visits of ceremony. All classes have the same covering for the feet—cotton socks and straw sandals or wooden soles, fastened by a strap passing inside the great toe. When the roads are very muddy they use pattens, very simply constructed of three pieces of wood. Every one on entering his own or a neighbor's house, leaves his sandals at the door."

The excursions made by M. HUMBERT to Kamakura and other localities in the vicinity of Yokohama afforded him excellent opportunities for studying the country, Yeddo, of course, came within the limits of his journeyings. The importance of this city may be gathered from the fact that in 1868, authorities whom M. HUMBERT regards as reliable, estimated that it covered a space of eighty-five square *kilometres* (about twenty-three square miles, English,) and that it contained about 1,600,000 inhabitants. He adds that in 1858, the elements of this enormous population were thus divided: the respectable middle class, merchants, and artisans, 672,848; the daimos, their retainers and followers, very nearly 800,000; the house and court of the Tycoon, estimated at 180,000; the members of the priesthood at probably 200,000; travelers and pilgrims, also 200,000; beggars and parias, 50,000."

The sketches of life in Yeddo are particularly entertaining. Among other incidents, M. HUMBERT relates the following:

"I was several times present at the fencing-matches of the Yakounins. The champions salute each other before the attack; sometimes he who is on the defensive drops one knee upon the earth, in order the better to cross weapons and thrust parry with more force the blow of his adversary. Each pass is accompanied with theatrical poses and expressive gestures; each blow provokes passionate exclamations from one or the other; then the Judges intervene and emphatically pronounce their verdict, until finally a cup of tea appears as the interlude. There are seven a variety of fencing for the Japanese ladies. Their arms is a lance with curved blade, something like that of the Polish scythemen. They hold it with the point directed toward the earth, and wield it according to rule in a series of attitudes, poses, and cadenced movements, which would furnish charming subjects for a ballet. I was not allowed to see much of this graceful display which I happened to get sight of in passing before a half-open court-yard. My yakounins closed the gate, assuring me that the customs of the country do not allow witnesses to see these feminine feats of arms."

We also have the following interesting sketch of the College of Interpreters in the University of Yeddo:

"The numerous students who frequent it have the rank of officers, and carry the two sabres. All are obliged to learn Dutch, which is the language of diplomatic relations, that in which the affairs of the Japanese Government are arranged with Foreign Powers. After having acquired it some add the English language, others Russian, others French, Portuguese, German, Danish, and even Italian, since Italy has also concluded a treaty with Japan, under the patronage of France. Thus, each one of the languages spoken by the contracting nations is represented at Yeddo.

"MORITAMA YENOSKI was formerly the interpreter appointed to be present at all negotiations, conferences, the reception or revision of international conventions. When I made his acquaintance it appeared evident to me that he had been advanced in rank. He had occupied a confidential position with the Japanese Embassies which visited the United States and Europe. I only saw him on two occasions, and then less as interpreter than as confidential assistant of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

"Other interpreters have the special duty of selecting, translating and annotating the newspapers which the Court of the Tycoon receives directly from Europe, as well as the new scientific or literary works presented by the legations. All such publications are carefully preserved in the Imperial Library. By degrees materials are drawn from them for Japanese works, more or less extensive, written for the classes of civil and military officers, to whom they may be of service, or even for the public in general. We find already fragments of HUMBOLDT'S *Cosmos*, an abridgement of HUEFLAND'S *Makrobiotik*, a translation of STIELER'S *Atlas*, and of MAURY'S work on *Ocean Currents*. During the entire duration of the civil war in the United States, there was published at Yeddo, at irregular intervals, a narration of events, accompanied with engravings on wood, copied from the American illustrated papers."

The figures which M. HUMBERT gives regarding the salaries of the principal functionaries of the Government compel the suspicion that TWEED, HALL, SWEENY, CONNOLLY, and the rest of the Tammany "Ring," were not so original in their schemes for plunder as they have had the credit for being. The salaries of public officials in Japan are calculated according to products—that is *kokous*, or sacks of rice, each of which weighs about 100 English pounds, and is worth about $3 25. Taking this value of the *kokou* as a standard we find the Regent or Gotairo the first dignitary of the Japanese Court "raking in" annually the sum of $1,080,000. The second in rank, who is the representative of the Tycoon at the Court of the Mikado, enjoys an annual salary of $320,000; the five members of the Council of State receive $170,000 each and so down through various grades to the Ambassadors to the feudal Lords from whom are chosen the members of the embassies sent to Europe and this country. These are twenty in number and receive salaries ranging from $8,300 to $10,000. The twenty-four grades of officials instanced by M. HUMBERT, —and there are hundreds and thousands of subordinates not included in this enumeration,—receive salaries aggregating twenty-four million dollars annually, and thirty millions is probably not an overestimate for the entire expense which the Japanese Government entail on the people.

The passages of M. HUMBERT'S work relating to the Police regulations of Yeddo are of interest, but we must pass them by to allude to that distinguishing characteristic of the Japanese—their art and industry:

"The artisan of Yeddo," M. HUMBERT writes, "is a veritable artist. If we except the conventional style to which he still feels himself compelled to submit in his representations of the human figure, if we overlook the insufficiency of his knowledge of the rules of perspective, we shall have only praise left for him in all other respects. His works are distinguished from those of Miako by the simplicity of his forms, the severity of the lines, the sobriety of the decorations, and the exquisite feeling for nature which he exhibits in all subjects of ornamentation drawn from the vegetable or animal kingdom. These are his favorite subjects; flowers and birds have the power of inspiring him with compositions which are charming in their truth, their harmony, and in regard to perfection of execution, the works produced in both capitals are equally admirable.

Let us pause before a magazine of objects of art and industry, among the curious of both sexes and of all ages, who never cease to gather together under the covered gallery where the stores are displayed. They contemplate with a *naïve* admiration the great aquaria of blue or white porcelain, where red fish float in the limpid water over beds of shells. In the centre, three or four selected plants combine in a picturesque group the beauty of their colors and the graceful outlines of their leaves and flowers, so that nothing in these combinations is ever left to chance; every day the gardener's hand directs the work of nature, keeps it within limits, and governs the growth.

What is still more remarkable, the Japanese fancy never runs into those aberrations which in China and elsewhere, outrage nature by cutting trees into geometrical figures, or training shrubs to represent the shape of animals. The taste of the Japanese in their popular arts, remaining independent of the conventional influences of their two courts, has all the freshness of a naturally expanding civilization. Therefore, it is still characterized by a certain originality; witness the ivory statuettes of children, slow of all classes of society for enormous flowers and dwarf trees. I have seen aquaria, not much larger than ordinary, where they succeeded in uniting the features of a complete landscape,—a lake, islands, rocks, a cabin on the shore, and hills with real woods on their summits, of living bamboos and cedars in miniature. They even sometimes add lilliputian figures, moving and going, by means of a spring which is wound up.

This sort of childishness is found in a multitude of the details of Japanese life. Sometimes a porcelain junk is set before a dinner party; it is taken to pieces and proves to be a unique and complete basket. Often, even the tobacco is served in the second minute, and porcelain so fine, light and transparent, that one hardly dare to touch it. There are cups, called egg-shells, so delicate that they must be protected by a fine envelope of bamboo netting.

The saloons are adorned with bird and butterfly cages, crowned with vases of flowers, whence depend climbing plants, which cause the birds to appear as if nestling in verdure. Under the paper-lanterns suspended from the ceilings of the verandas, there are often bells of colored glass, the long, slender clapper of metal supported by a silk thread, or slip of colored or gilded paper. At the least movement of the breeze these bands of paper throw the metal into vibrations and touch the glass bells, and their vibrations make a vague melody, like the sound of an Æolian harp."

The literature of the Japanese, their recreations and domestic customs, their festivals and theatres, and the numerous varieties of Japanese life are described most graphically, and in a thoroughly entertaining manner in this narrative, upon which Mr. BAYARD TAYLOR draws so largely; but we have given enough to show that this volume is at once the freshest and the most entertaining, as it is beyond doubt one of the most reliable of the very few accessible to English readers devoted to this very curious and interesting land and people. The letter-press we should say is most admirably supplemented by a map of Japan and numerous really excellent and spirited illustrations which, of themselves, give a graphic panorama of Japanese life, manners and scenery. In all these particulars as well as in the detail of its manufacture, and notably as regards its unique and appropriate binding the volume worthily introduces a series which is certain to furnish abundant amusement to the young reader, and substantial instruction to those of all ages.

THE EX-EMPIRE.

What the Dwellers in the Tuileries Drank—Sale of the Emperor's Wines.

Paris (Nov. 14) Correspondence of the London Daily News.

The catalogue is out of 100,000 bottles and fifty-seven butts of the Emperor's wine, the sale of which by auction will commence, in the Louvre, on Thursday, and is expected to last a fortnight. The great quantity takes the public by surprise, for it was announced that what with the Prussian occupation, the siege of Paris, and the Commune, the Imperial cellars had been pretty well cleared out, and that but a small portion of their contents remained to be brought to the hammer. It would seem, however, that the bulk of the wine must have been preserved from all foes, for the auctioneer classes the treasures, which he has the honor of submitting to public competition, under the respective headings of "Tuileries," "Fontainebleau," and "Compiègne." I assume that there must be many old frequenters of Fontainebleau tea parties, Compiègne hunts, and Tuileries balls, who will be able from these indications to form an idea which category of wine is likely to be the best, and to make their purchases accordingly. The Emperor, with all his faults, was essentially open-handed and hospitable. Whether he spent his own money or that of the State, he thought little of expense. The best wines that the world could produce were often laid before his guests, friends and disinguished guests. But with all his extravagance there was something like order in the administration of his enormous household. And it is not to be supposed that this fashionable young man, (*les petits crevés*,) the artists, journalists and comparatively humble people of all classes, who for one reason or another were invited to Fontainebleau or Compiègne, and allowed to give breakfasts to their friends in private rooms, were served with wines which would be considered first-rate by an Oxford Don, a boucher of the Inns of Court, or an Alderman. But the superstition being brushed away that wines from an Imperial cellar must necessarily be better than any other, I dare say some very good parcels may be picked up at this sale at reasonable prices. Purchasers should insist upon tasting; and thus, according to the custom of French auction rooms, is not difficult to do—unless in the case of palpable Jeremy Diddlers who come to fussle. Much good wine there certainly must be. The immense quantity of claret is the principal thing. There are upward of 13,000 bottles of a very good growth of claret, not well known, called Montrose. Of the more familiar brands—Château Lafitte, Château Margaux, Château Larose, Château Latour, Château Leoville, Branne Mouton, and Oes d'Estournelle—there is a goodly show. The stock of Burgundy is far less abundant; of the highest marks, such as Cuambertin, Romanée and Clos Vougeot, there are only a few hundred bottles. The 600 bottles of the best class of Sauterne, Château-Yquem, 1847, will be priceless, if there is no trickery in the catalogue. There are scarcely more than 1,000 bottles of Champagne. The collection of Rhine wine is extremely meagre, with the exception of the very best of all Rhine wines, Johannisberger. Of this rare vintage there are advertised 523 bottles from the Tuileries, 205 from Fontainebleau, and 51 from Compiègne. The intimate friendship between the Emperor and the Empress and the Prince and Princess of Metternich renders it probable that the Johannisberger is that which never comes into the market, is grown on the top of the mound under the windows of the Schloss Metternich, which everybody sees going down the Rhine, and is called the "Pride of the Cellar," and I should not be surprised if it were to fetch prices hitherto unprecedented. In the list of foreign—(that is to say not French)—wines, there is a considerable quantity of old Madeira, which I am told is unmatched. The Port, of which there are about 2,000 bottles, is described as *Porto doré*, a designation foreign to my recollections of that now, to me, obsolete liquid. Of absinthe—the liquor which, according to caricatures, must be abjured before the French army can again become great—there are but ten bottles—six from Fontainebleau, and four from Compiègne.

BRIBING JURYMEN.

Alleged Attempt of the Erie Ring to Buy a Verdict.

The "Black Friday" Case Decided Against Them—Thousands of Dollars Offered for a Different Verdict—The Grand Jury to be Appealed To.

The suit of J. O. DAVIS and others against FISK, GOULD and others, which has been on trial for the past two weeks, was yesterday concluded by a verdict in favor of plaintiffs. The chief points of the testimony in the case have appeared from day to day in the TIMES during the progress of the trial, and presented a direct conflict of testimony as to the main facts, between the witnesses for the plaintiffs, and the testimony of FISK and GOULD and their employes, on the part of the defense.

On Wednesday afternoon, about 4½ o'clock, the cause having been elaborately summed up by counsel on both sides, was submitted to the jury under the following charge of Judge MCCUNN, which very clearly presents the important points at issue:

GENTLEMEN: I shall be very brief in my remarks. The great ability and distinction of the gentlemen on both sides, and the fullness with which they have presented the case, render it unnecessary that I should review the evidence in any great extent. In this action is brought by J. O. DAVIS & Co. and JOHN BONNER to recover a certain amount of money, the difference between the value of gold which they allege to have sold to the defendants in this action and the price of that gold on the day following at a certain hour, when it should have been delivered. You must bear in mind in this case, when passing upon these questions, that J. O. DAVIS & Co., as well as the other plaintiffs, are parties to this controversy. J. O. DAVIS & Co. are brokers in this City, and have brought this action, and although their names have been kept in the background, still they are plaintiffs as well as Mr. BONNER. If you find, in the examination of the testimony, that Mr. SPEYERS received the instructions he testified to from all of these defendants, then I held he was constituted the agent of the defendants in this action, so that you perceive J. O. DAVIS & Co. are simply asking from the parties connected with this transaction the difference between the value of the gold at the time they sold it to the defendants (if you find they did sell it to them) and the lowest valuation of the gold at 1 o'clock the next day. I think the difference in price at that hour and that of the time of sale is the fair measure of damages. Now, you will remember that I have held in this action that the assignment from J. O. DAVIS to JOHN BONNER was a bonafide assignment of part of the claim, and that they had a right to bring the action jointly. I have also held that the memorandum in writing signed by SPEYERS, and the one signed by MCPHERSON, and which passed from DAVIS to SPEYERS, and from SPEYERS again to DAVIS, constituted a legal document in law, and that it entitled him to bring this action. The fact that I sustained the complaint, and declined to grant a non-suit in this action, must not, however, in the slightest degree affect you; nor need I say to intelligent men, such as I see before me, that you must not allow yourselves to be warped by any newspaper notoriety, or by anything else that might influence your minds, outside of the case. You are to look at the importance of the case, for I think it is a very important one, being the first case in these enormous transactions, and it is very imperative on you that a high-toned and just verdict should be rendered under the instructions I give you. The only questions to be determined in the case, or the principal ones, is whether Mr. SMITH, on the 24th morning, in the name of himself and others, gave Mr. SPEYERS the instructions to purchase the gold in question. That is the real question in the case; because, if he did, that morning, give instructions to Mr. SPEYERS to purchase the gold, and if the latter did purchase it of J. O. DAVIS, there is no reason why they should not pay this debt. I charge you that gold is a commodity in this community as well as being money and coin for certain purposes, and that it is susceptible of being dealt with in the market the same as any other commodity; so that if you find that SPEYERS received his instructions that morning from Mr. SMITH, and from the gentlemen present in the office, as he testified to, then I see no difficulty in your way in rendering a verdict for the plaintiffs for the amount you may see proper at the end of the investigation. For the purpose of ascertaining whether Mr. SPEYERS told the truth in the transaction, you have a right to take into consideration all the circumstances in the case; the fact that Mr. SPEYERS received his instructions, and then conversation that took place between him and the two gentlemen when sent to Mr. HEATH'S or Mr. BELDEN'S office; then his going to the Gold Room, and meeting Mr. DAVIS, and buying gold from him; the fact of his making a note under the head of that day, because you find this note was made in Mr. SPEYERS' book, among a number of other engagements made that day, and all placed in that book in their regular order. Then you accompany Mr. SPEYERS also to the Gold Exchange Bank, and consider the tickets which passed between the parties. Then you follow Mr. SPEYERS until the next day, when the excitement took place in the Gold Room, and parties ceased to fulfill their contracts; but they had entered into the day before. Mr. SPEYERS has made some entries in his books, and has endeavored to explain them. You are to satisfy yourselves whether those entries correspond with the statement Mr. SPEYERS gave. Against the statement of Mr. SPEYERS, you have, I think, the testimony of all the defendants in this suit. They deny the statement given by Mr. SPEYERS. You have also before you the fact that they were dealing largely in gold on the day, and that Mr. SPEYERS had made other transactions for them in the way of loaning gold. You will also take the statements of Mr. OGDEN and Mr. BROWER, and you have a right to consider the testimony of all the witnesses on the other side. In arriving at a just conclusion you may look at the manner and appearance of the witnesses upon the stand, and analyze their method of giving testimony. I do not know that I can say much more to you in this case. The gentlemen engaged in it are men of the greatest eminence. You have been here nearly two weeks; you have listened with great patience, and you are entitled to the thanks of the community. It is of the most important that the case should be disposed of. It is one, although the amount involved ($25,000) is small, yet it is of great importance, in my judgment. In brief, the principal question you are to dispose of is whether Mr. SPEYERS and the gentlemen he testified to had the meeting he stated, and if there was such a meeting, did he receive the instructions he says he did? There is no dispute at all that he bought the gold of J. O. DAVIS. Then as to the amount of damages the plaintiffs are entitled to recover, if you find in their favor on all these points. I have here a statement made by the register of the Gold Room of the different prices of gold on that day, and I find that at 1 o'clock (which I charge is the time to fix the value) gold was selling at 136. That is the lowest price. On that basis the claim is for $1,997 50, with interest up to this time, making $2,253 28.

At the conclusion of the charge, Mr. BEACH, of counsel for defendants, said: "I supposed your Honor would give some instructions to the jury in regard to the statute on gaming."

The COURT—Gentlemen, if you believe this was a bona fide sale of gold, gold which was to be delivered through the Clearing-house, you would be justified in finding a verdict for the plaintiffs. But if you do not believe that the gold was intended to be delivered by J. O. DAVIS & Co. to the defendants, then you would be justified in finding that the transaction was void.

Mr. BEACH—I wish to except to the instruction that upon the question of damages the hour of 1 o'clock is to be taken.

The COURT—I will instruct the jury to fix it at 12½ o'clock. That being the time at which, according to the custom of the Board, Mr. SPEYERS or his principal had to make good the gold, and the price then was 135, the same as I have given.

A JUROR—Is the Gold Board a legal institution? Is a license paid?

The COURT—The Gold Exchange Bank is an institution under our banking laws. The Gold Board is a mere association of gentlemen associated together for the purpose of facilitating business.

Defendant's counsel here formally excepted to the refusal of the Judge to charge on several points.

After the jury had been absent an hour they came into Court and reported that there was apparently no probability of their agreeing.

Judge MCCUNN said that in view of the importance of the case, he deemed it his duty to keep them together.

The foreman of the jury then stated that they stood ten for plaintiffs and two for defendants, and wanted to know if the Court could not inquire as to whether any improper influence had been brought to bear on members of the jury.

Judge MCCUNN said in reply that in the meantime he would keep them together, and at a subsequent stage of the case, before the jury was discharged, he would consider what would be proper to do concerning the intimation of the jurors.

At 7½ o'clock the jury had failed to agree, and were locked up for the night, and a sealed verdict ordered.

Before the jury had been locked up for the night, the assistant engineer of the Court-house was sent for, and instructed to keep the room in which the jury were confined heated. Very curiously, he forgot about it. The jury were frozen out of the little room in which they had been placed and brought into the large Court-room, where the circulation could be kept up by exercise. The ten held out bravely and one of the two came over. Early on yesterday (Thanksgiving Day) Judge MCCUNN came down to release them, but the jury refused to be released. They stated that the twelfth juryman, JAMES O'BRIEN, refused to consult with them. At 1 o'clock, however, the jury had come to an agreement, the eleven obstinate men had succeeded in bringing over Mr. O'BRIEN. Judge MCCUNN came down, and after the usual formalities the jury were called on for their verdict. The foreman stated that they found for plaintiff on the basis of gold at 135 at noon of Friday, (the Black Friday.)

Judge MCCUNN said that according to his calculation the amount would be $2,253 28.

The verdict was entered for this amount.

Mr. DUDLEY FIELD called for the polling of the jury, but none of them wavered. He then asked for twenty days to make a case for appeal with a stay.

Mr. Justice MCCUNN denied the stay, except a stay of execution for five days after the entry of the judgment.

Mr. FIELD made motions that the exceptions be heard in the first instance at General Term, and for a new trial on the minutes, both of which were denied.

After the jury had been polled and Mr. FIELD'S motions had been made and denied, the foreman, Mr. WALTER GIBSON, of No. 96 Nassau-street, rose, and said: "We deem tampering with the ballot-box, the judiciary and the jury, treason against the sovereign people, and we know not why it should not be punished by death, like any other treason. This jury has been insulted as no other jury has been, of which we have had any experience. Three of our number have been approached with thousands of dollars each, to induce a disagreement, by the hirelings of the Erie Ring. We are anxious to present the facts to the Grand Jury. Feeling your Honor (Judge MCCUNN) sympathizes with our own loathing and disgust at this outrage, we congratulate you for the opportunity you have had to redeem yourself in co-operating with us in bringing these traitors to justice, and vindicating the proper administration of justice and the purity of the judiciary."

Judge MCCUNN said he should certainly do all in his power in the matter, and directed them to reduce their statement to writing in the shape of affidavits, and present them to him through their foreman, and he would see that it should go before the Grand Jury.

Mr. DUDLEY FIELD said that as two of the defendants were high officers of the Erie Railway and his clients—

Mr. Justice MCCUNN, interrupting, said that no would impute any such thing to Mr. FIELD.

Mr. FIELD said he had not supposed it necessary to speak for himself, but, for his clients, after this public statement, he thought the jurors should be required to name those who were so approached, and the "hirelings" of Erie who approached them, so that some definite and tangible statement, and not this vague charge, might go out to the public.

Mr. Justice MCCUNN said that after the jury had been so long out he did not think it right to make such an exaction of the jurors, but he deemed it his imperative duty to have this matter placed in proper shape, that it might go before the great inquest of the county, to find who were the guilty, if any crime had been committed.

He then dismissed the jury with thanks and a request as to their being so detained.

The Court was then adjourned to this morning, when it is probable the matter will again come before the Court in the form of affidavits to be presented by the jurors, three of whose names the foreman took as being desirous of making such affidavits.

MURDER IN MICHIGAN.

Bold Murder of a Farmer in His Chamber in the Presence of His Wife—Desperate and Determined Character of the Assassin—He Escapes Unrecognized.

From the Detroit Post, Nov. 27.

At an early hour on Saturday morning farmers residing some distance out on the Chicago road, communicated the startling intelligence that a murder had been committed six miles from the city under circumstances of an unusually cold-blooded character. The scene of the murder was a white, unpretending farmhouse, standing back some sixty yards from the street, and surrounded by a garden and fruit-trees.

The household, consisting only of Mr. and Mrs. MILLER, and GEORGE ERWIN, a youth of eighteen years, a son of a sister of Mr. MILLER, retired about 9 o'clock, the young man sleeping in a front chamber. About five minutes after midnight Mrs. MILLER awoke with the impression that some one or something had made a repeated noise back of the house, and near the bedroom window. Sometimes the goose is an early hour in the morning would come under the window, and nibble at the edges of the clap-boards, but a moment's thought assured her that this was not the case at present, for it was not repeated, and she could hear no quacking. At this moment a cat in the kitchen mewed, and naturally enough the lady was ascribed to this animal. Mrs. MILLER immediately arose without disturbing her husband, and passed out into the kitchen to drive the cat out. Going to the door, she drew the bolt, turned the knob, and pulled the door open about a foot, herself standing behind it. The cat darted out, but before she could close the door, it was forced still further open, and a man stepped quickly into the room.

His appearance was so sudden and unexpected that Mrs. MILLER involuntarily gave utterance to a scream of affright, at the same time starting back. At the sound of her voice the intruder exclaimed in a sharp, quick tone, "Keep still, and you won't be hurt." This convinced her that there was danger to be apprehended from the person before her, and instantly she screamed "murder!" at the top of her voice, and darted back into the bedroom, the door of which was scarce six feet away. As she passed the head of the bed her husband sprang to the floor and seized the robber by the coat collar with either hand, at the same time demanding "What do you want here?" The reply came, clear and sharp, "I want your money!" As the words Mrs. MILLER shrieked out, "We have none!" but with their utterance, and almost before the conclusion of the burglar's demand for money had reached her ear, she heard the sound of a heavy blow, and her husband sank down as if lifeless. For a single instant the grasp upon the collar of the assassin was unloosed, and then the nerveless hands lost their power and slipped from their hold. In that instant Mrs. MILLER had sprung to her husband's side with the cry of "For God's sake don't murder him!" upon her lips, and as the murderer withdrew his weapon from the head of the husband, its terrible edge was drawn across the outside of the wife's left hand, inflicting a slight gash midway between the knuckle of the little finger and the wrist-joint. Without a word or groan her husband lay lifeless in her arms. At this moment GEORGE ERWIN came dashing down the stairs, and as soon as he could realize the situation rushed out the door which the murderer had left open, but no one was in sight. The neighbors were immediately summoned, but were powerless to do more than try and assuage the grief of the shrieking woman.

Upon the threshold of the back door were found two drops of blood, and upon the outside casing of the door at the right hand side are the marks of bloody fingers, while a foot below is a single drop of blood that evidently fell from that gory hand during the brief instant that it seized the corner to enable the assassin the more quickly to turn smartly to the left. That he did so turn is evident from the fact that between the house and the carriage gate four drops of blood were found. This gate was found open, and from the fact that a picket had been torn therefrom in opening it, and that this picket was found standing in the snow outside the gate with no blood upon it, it is evident that the burglar had entered here, and had left everything in readiness for a rapid retreat. Beyond this gate there is nothing to indicate the prosecuted flight of the murderer, and, aside from conscience, there is little hope that he will ever have an earthly accuser.

Of the personal appearance of the man, Mrs. MILLER only noted that he was of small stature, not more than five feet and four or five inches in height. He wore a loose overcoat, of some dark fabric, close buttoned to the chin, a black, slouch hat, and no beard. His face, she says, looked so black that she is positive that it was either blackened or covered with a black cloth mask—she thinks the latter. Mrs. MILLER is positive from the voice and general appearance of the man that he was a negro.

The inquest held by Justice VROOMAN, of Greenfield, at which Dr. SHOW testified that the wound, which was in the chest, directly beneath and about seven inches below the chin, was inflicted with a sharp two-edged dagger, a trifle over half an inch in width; that the weapon had passed directly through the main pulmonary artery of the heart, penetrating to the depth of four and a quarter inches, and that death must have ensued instantly. The blow must have been delivered with great force, as it passed directly through the sternum.

The deceased, DENNISON MILLER, was born in Hartian, Hartford County, Conn., in June, 1816, and was consequently fifty-five years of age at the time of his death. He came to this State forty years ago, and has resided in Greenfield ever since. Beside his wife, he leaves a family of three children, two sons and a daughter, all married and residing near their parents' home. Mr. MILLER was a hard-working, frugal man, and had amassed a fair competence. He had, however, received no considerable sum of money of late, but there was a small amount in the house, of which fact, Mrs. MILLER avers, no one was aware. If, however, the murder was committed by some one who went to that particular house for the purpose of robbery (and the circumstances appear indicative), the solution may be found in the fact that while the deceased was regarded as a money-making man, he has invested none of his savings in real estate of late years. In fact, the boldness of the man in entering the house after one of the inmates had arisen unmistakably indicate a fixed determination to effect a robbery at all hazards. As a cold-blooded murder, it rivals even the well-remembered Willits tragedy of two years ago. Upon the facts becoming known in this city, Sheriff CODD at once offered a reward of $300 for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer, and the relatives of the deceased state their willingness to pay any amount within their means to any person who shall be instrumental in bringing the assassin to justice.

Singular Cause of Death in Boston.

From the Boston Traveller, Nov. 28.

Mr. E. C. CHAMBERS, the Park-street Station Agent of the Medford Branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad, met with his death in a very singular way, some days since. His little daughter was sick with the diphtheria and he put his hand on her

The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, DEC. 1, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—MIGNON—Miss Christine Nilsson.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—THE PEOPLE'S LAWYER—Mr. John E. Owens.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—FAUST—Miss Ada Grey.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.—LE PONT DES SOUPIRS, (Opera Bouffe.)—Miss Adams.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—OUR AMERICAN COUSIN—Mr. Sothern.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE—Characteristic company.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—ROSEDALE—Mr. Lester Wallack.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G. L. Fox and Kirsky Troupe.

ST. JAMES THEATRE.—CAPTAIN CHARLOTTE, &c.—Miss Annie Lonsdale.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and Evening.

GLOBE THEATRE.—VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

P. T. BARNUM'S MUSEUM, MENAGERIE AND CIRCUS.—Empire Hall, day and evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC FEATS. Matinee at 1½.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY—FARCE.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—GRAND CONCERT—Mr. Gentry.

EAST SIDE HALL.—LECTURE by Dr. Doremus.

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A Plea for Justice.

Ex-Controller CONNOLLY spent his Thanksgiving Day in Ludlow-street Jail. Mayor HALL, without whose special aid and concurrence the fraudulent warrants could not have been paid, was at liberty to go and get fuddled over copious draughts from the famous Sunday punch-bowl. HALL and TWEED are, to say the least, quite as guilty as CONNOLLY. If impartial justice decided the course of events, the Mayor and TWEED would have shared CONNOLLY'S imprisonment yesterday. The punishment of one of the swindlers will not suffice; let us have equal dealing toward the whole gang. Is that an unreasonable demand to make?

CONNOLLY is regarded by HALL and his friends as having assisted to break the Ring, by getting ANDREW H. GREEN appointed Controller. Sheriff BRENNAN is a fast friend of HALL'S, and the members of the Ring generally are rejoicing over CONNOLLY'S imprisonment. We, for our parts, as our readers will attest, have pleaded from the first for strict, even handed justice all round. We have written to little purpose if our course on this point can be forgotten now, or can be misrepresented by HALL'S advocates. Our readers must remember that we have repeatedly said: "Give us, not scapegoats, but sharp justice for all the offenders alike." A year and a half ago we denounced CONNOLLY for suppressing his reports, and we have been denouncing him ever since. But we shall not be satisfied—no fair man would be satisfied—to see him the only culprit selected for punishment. We know that without his aid, ANDREW H. GREEN would neither have been appointed Deputy Controller or Controller; ask Mr. GREEN or Mr. TWEED to give his opinion on that point. It is because of the help CONNOLLY gave to Mr. GREEN and the Committee of Seventy that HALL, BRENNAN, TWEED & CO. were so exceedingly eager to get CONNOLLY in prison. At present it is only *their* grudges which are being paid off—public justice is not considered. No one in the City chuckles over CONNOLLY'S imprisonment so much as TWEED or HALL.

We have not one word to say for CONNOLLY—only we doubt whether the public will be willing to see him made into a sort of victim by TWEED and HALL. Consider the position of the other men who have been concerned in the great frauds we exposed. HALL is chiefly—we may almost say solely—responsible for the embezzlement of six and a half millions of dollars of the public money. It is for that reason we have called him a thief. Yet not only is he not in jail, but he is Mayor of the City, and continues to be as insolent in his demeanor to this people as ever. "But he got none of the plunder," says HORACE GREELEY. How do you know that? Will Mr. GREELEY, since he knows everything, tell us who *did* get the stolen property? Forty-two per cent. of it is still unaccounted for. Don't forget that. Is it conceivable that a man should become a party to the embezzlement of six and a half millions of dollars, and yet derive no sort of profit from the transaction? Tell it to the marines!

Then look at INGERSOLL'S case. Sheriff BRENNAN is in no hurry to arrest him, and why? Because HALL and TWEED do not want INGERSOLL arrested. BRENNAN takes the hint, and lets INGERSOLL go his way in peace. Now INGERSOLL is a wholesale swindler—no one can deny it. He and WOODWARD deserve to be reckoned with A. OAKEY HALL as among the "chief conspirators" who robbed the City. Against both INGERSOLL and WOODWARD warrants are out. We have informed Sheriff BRENNAN over and over again as to the whereabouts of these men. But he has not taken any steps to arrest the criminals. No—he prefers to serve his Ring masters faithfully to the last.

If our long attention to Tammany misrule and fraud, and the sincere desire we have had to rescue the public from the thieves, entitle us to any consideration whatever at this moment, we would earnestly ask the public to give a few minutes' thought to the present situation of the men whom we have exposed. Upon the people alone can we rely. Politicians may scheme and plot about this affair, but our dependence is, as it always has been, on the discernment and fairness of the public. Well, then, we ask them, and beg them to think over the question—is it right to pick out one man as a scapegoat, and let men equally guilty go free? Will they be contented with that settlement of the difficulty? Do they or do they not think that *all* the guilty persons should be treated equally by the law, without fear or favor on either side? Is INGERSOLL to be arrested? Is WOODWARD to steal off with his booty? Is it proper that HALL, "the chief conservator," as Mr. TILDEN calls him, should remain Mayor of this great City? Is NATHANIEL SANDS to enjoy his $75,000 unmolested? We would not save one of the guilty men, if a single stroke of the pen could do it. But let us have them all punished alike. Do not let us stand by while some of them conspire to get the others thrust into jail—while HALL, for instance, goes down to Ludlow-street to chuckle and gloat over CONNOLLY. HALL should be in prison, not standing outside jeering at one of his confederates who does not happen to have friends at his back. *Justice, not scapegoats*—that is what we demand in the name of the public, of whose voice on the subject we are but an echo.

Now will Mr. PECKHAM do something about A. OAKEY HALL? And will Sheriff BRENNAN fulfill his duty properly, and arrest INGERSOLL and WOODWARD? It does not appear to be difficult to escape from BRENNAN'S clutches if you have Mayor HALL on your side.

Tweed and President Grant.

When we produced the evidence of the Tammany frauds, there was but one Democratic paper in the whole country which instantly admitted that the said evidence was fatal to the Tammany gang, and ought to sweep TWEED, HALL, SWEENY, and CONNOLLY out of sight. The *Tribune* abused us as "liars and villains" for having obtained the evidence "surreptitiously," and for using "strong language." The *World* invented all kinds of unmanly slanders against particular individuals who have asked nothing more of the *World*, or of anybody else, than the privilege of discharging their duties in peace. The *Herald* said the warrants were all nonsense. The *Express* mumbled something about JAMES BROOKS and Japan. And so the story went on—while papers outside the City generally ranged themselves on the side of justice and fair play. But there was only one Democratic paper which admitted the force of the testimony we adduced—and that was the Brooklyn *Eagle*.

We should have very short memories if we did not remember this, and be more unjust than the *Eagle* sometimes says we are, if we were not disposed to pay attention to its suggestions. Now, the other evening it had these remarks concerning us:

"Meantime the TIMES is doing the best it can to dissipate the high character it has earned by exposing Tammany in fruitless efforts to defend the Presidential present-taking, the Custom-house corruption, and every other of the manifold sins of the illiterate and unconscientious Chief Magistrate, whom it pretends, in good faith, to compare with Gen. WASHINGTON. Can not any New-York paper be constructed of less diverse elements than Nebuchadnezzar's image, that had a head of gold, with feet of clay? The TIMES could be the greatest paper in the land if it would only deal as honestly and thoroughly with GRANT as with TWEED."

We differ totally with the *Eagle* in its estimate of Gen. GRANT as President. That difference, so far as it is based on mere matters of opinion, cannot be helped. But we probably should not differ with the *Eagle* on matters of fact—especially if the facts were so plain as they were in TWEED'S case. When the *Eagle* asks us to deal as plainly with GRANT as we did with TWEED, we say, Yes, by all means we will do so, but let us start from some intelligent basis; and to begin with, pray understand that we do not think there is any resemblance whatever between the characters of Gen. GRANT and TWEED, and therefore we do not see why they should be brought into juxtaposition. But if the *Eagle* will give us the evidence on which it considers that Gen. GRANT could be disgraced and punished, we undertake to study it with all earnestness and sincerity, and to express a candid opinion about it afterward. We do not say this in any quibbling spirit—there is always so much general abuse of the President going on, that we should be rather glad of an opportunity of weighing distinct charges which were supported by substantial evidence.

Again, the *Eagle* says we defend "Custom-house corruption." Will the *Eagle* be kind enough to quote the passages from our columns upon which it puts this construction? Has it never read the repeated articles we have published calling for a thorough reform of the Custom-house, in connection with a general reform of the civil service? Does it not know that we recommended the new Collector, Gen. ARTHUR, to try to begin a sort of civil service reform himself, without waiting for Congress?

Let the *Eagle* turn over our files, and then let us hear from it again. Newspaper brawls are disgusting—but there is no reason why a Democratic and a Republican newspaper should not for once exchange views in a civil manner.

Cacaxary.

If the Greek curiosity who for some time represented Russia at Washington could only be induced to hold his tongue, he might yet get off without that exposure which his career merits, and which its impertinence provokes. But he cannot refrain from dabbling in newspapers. He will play with the fire. Not satisfied with getting glorified portraits of himself and wife inserted in *Every Saturday*, with fictitious biographies attached, he must try to win the *Herald* over to his cause—and in that aim he succeeded. What good can CACAXARY hope to accomplish by getting a newspaper here and there to defend him? Can he efface the past or his general reputation in that way?

See the unblushing puffs which CACAXARY gets inserted about him every other day. In the following examples, from yesterday's *Herald*, every line is a fiction. CACAXARY'S life has been romantic—but not quite in the same way described below:

"While the girls, old and young, and the matrons, as well as the women d'un *certain âge*, rave about this darling Himalaya of a Prince, the men stared at Mme. CACAXARY and her *ravissante* toilet, her *grande dame* manners and her truly classical head, with a *semi-Marie Antoinette semi-Mary Stuart* presence. She descends from both of these decapitated beauties. Her ancestor was the Duke of BERWICK, with the royal blood of the STUARTS in his veins, and, transferred to France, the family has become distinguished as the Dukes DE FITZ JAMES (!!) She herself was born in the beautiful City of Nancy, the old capital of King STANISLAS, and brought up in the regular Faubourg St. Germain style, her brother being to this day the handsomest man in Paris, and the whole family being remarkable for retaining the power, beauty and distinction of a royal pedigree. Her long residence in Russia has imparted a *semi-Oriental picturesqueness* to her Parisian stylishness, and of all the women in the world she is just the one fitted by both nature and grace to do honor to a son of the Czar and preside with him over this gorgeous occasion. CACAXARY himself is the descendant of the Byzantine Emperors and full of that genius which in Athens and Constantinople made and unmade thrones and soothed masses of Asiatics into peace or lashed them into tumult. He is not much smaller than BENEDETTI. His head has the military turn of a French zouave captain, and he looks irrepressible, mercurial, nervous, full of expedients and *bon mots*, bearing the unmistakable stamp of a man of action, power and genius, with an occasional glare from the eyes which shows that when attacked he will fight and show his teeth like a well-bred hyena."

Is not this all enough to bring down upon CACAXARY the ridicule of the whole country? We say nothing about the narrative prepared for Mme. CACAXARY. Why a residence in Russia should have given her a "semi-Oriental" appearance—how in the world one person can be gifted with "a semi-Marie Antoinette, semi-Mary Stuart, semi-Oriental presence,"—are mysteries which we leave the ladies to decide. But anybody who reads the above extract must see that it is at once a little above and a little below the mark of the *Herald* reporter's usual style. Only CACAXARY himself could have thrown in that wonderful idea about his being the lineal descendant of the Byzantine Emperors. The rest of the description is quite as pretty. Whether it can add dignity to the *suite* in which he is now traveling, CACAXARY probably never stopped to consider. Perhaps somebody else will shortly consider that question for him.

Under False Colors.

Attention is often called to the fact that a large number of medical practitioners sail under false colors. In other words, they are simply quacks professing to bear credentials, which, in reality are either impudent forgeries, or genuine documents that have been improperly obtained. When murder is done by these charlatans in the flagrant way that calls for legal action, and they are detected, things come to light that have a healthy effect on the public mind. But, unhappily, detection follows the commission of such crimes in comparatively few cases; and hence the warning involved in publicity is too seldom given to prevent the continual secret resort of the ignorant and unfortunate to miscreants who fleece and ruin them. It is hardly necessary to say that these persons are seldom, if ever, educated physicians. Yet they almost invariably possess diplomas which are conspicuously displayed so as to take in their patients. The certificate of study and ability conferred by a known institution of professional learning, is apt to impose on others than the inexperienced. Now it has been whispered that such testimonials are procurable in illegitimate ways, and if this is the fact, the public ought to know it. Of course, it is possible to forge degrees or diplomas, and to hang them up in an office, as genuine. But, in that event, an action might be maintained for obtaining money under false pretenses, and hence the risk would be too great. Clearly, the more sagacious plan is to pay something for veritable diplomas. We are assured that a brisk trade is driven in this sort of thing; what we want to know is who are the people who drive it, and how they go about their work.

This inquiry becomes the more interesting since, justly or unjustly, American institutions are charged with granting degrees in the manner suggested for transmission abroad. An advertisement stood for some days lately in the London *Times* to the effect that "gentlemen of ability and position" could obtain promotion to learned degrees in theology, laws, arts, medicine, music and "other recognized orders." To this is tacked the assurance usually coupled with invitations to wrong-doing, that strict secrecy will be assured. The editor of the *Weekly Review* determined to look into the system, and, if he could, to expose it. To this end he wrote a letter to the anonymous advertiser asking to be instructed by what means he might procure the degrees of D. D., LL. D. or Ph. D. He professed in this missive to be a clergyman, and to have had a good deal to do with literature in various departments. Next day a reply came duly to hand marked "private." The editor, however, observing that he had asked for no confidence, and saw no reason why he should give any, and believing anyhow that human life and health should be paramount considerations, printed his correspondent's letter, only suppressing name and address. As that letter contains allegations to which we have referred it is subjoined:

LONDON, Nov. 4, 1871.

Rev. Sir: I am in receipt of your note on the subject of a degree. So far as my knowledge extends, and my assistance is available, degrees can be obtained from two sources—that is to say, from Germany or America. From Germany the Ph. D. and D. D. can be obtained, but not the LL. D. The Ph. D. and M. A. go together in the same diploma; this is, I believe, the invariable custom in all German Universities. To obtain this diploma, the principal requirements are that you write a *Feilio*, which must be either in Latin or German; a *Curriculum Vitæ*, or outline of your life, which must be in Latin; and a treatise on some philosophical or scientific subject, which may be in English, and must be printed. Every expense considered, this would not cost you less than $25. For the degree of D. D. from Germany the qualifications are not so high, as no Latin is required, and the treatise must be on a theological subject. The total expense of this degree would be thirty-five guineas to $40. It is only right that I should inform you that German degrees are now difficult in the obtaining, and except in cases of real merit applications for them are not looked upon with favor by the authorities. The other course is from America, and I am connected with a university in one of its principal cities from which all the recognized degrees are obtainable, including those you have mentioned—namely, Ph. D., LL. D. and D. D. Satisfaction of qualification must be given, but this is accepted by testimonial, reference and position of the candidate. As the settled pastor of a Christian Church there would be no difficulty in your case. The fees for general degrees are fifteen guineas, an extra registration fee of two guineas being required for degrees that convey the title of doctor. I shall be glad to hear from you, and to arrange for an interview, if necessary. Each degree has its appropriate hood. I remain, reverend sir, yours faithfully, LL. D.

When clergymen preach other men's sermons without avowing the fact, there is false pretense, of course, but there is not, of necessity, evil consequence. The sermon may be, and is likely to be, intrinsically good and edifying. In all probability it is better than any original effort its deliverer could make. But the pretended doctor does incalculable harm. Not one-twentieth, probably not one-fiftieth, of the mischief wrought by these men ever comes before the public eye. The wretches go about poisoning and slaughtering, and filling their pockets, in secret, while fear, poverty, and too often death, seal the lips of their victims. Now, almost the first thing an ignorant patient has in mind about a doctor is his sheepskin. Every one, however lowly, has heard of this guarantee, which, like a "character" or "marriage lines" has a direct and intelligible, as well as an august weight and significance. The quack meets the situation by parading his lying diploma, or sometimes several of them, and thus secures the confidence of his visitor.

The remedy for these evils, as regards the public, lies in rigid scrutiny and inquiry, and the remedy as regards the law lies in the enforcement of a strict system of examination by competent authority of the claims and abilities of all practicing physicians. It constantly happens that professed doctors come into a metropolitan district where they are totally unknown, and in which there are thousands of unlettered and simple people, and perhaps by advertising, perhaps by other devices, work into considerable practice. What any such person does may have important bearing on the health of the district, and possibly of the whole City. Why should he not be duly examined, and at all events his diploma sized by a Board of skilled professionals? If found to be an impostor, or in any sense unfit for the work he undertakes, he might be disqualified and forbidden to practice. Such measures may appear high-handed, but the health of great cities is becoming a problem of grave and increasing magnitude, and it will not always answer to let a horde of unscrupulous charlatans wax rich on the ruin of life and health at their own sweet will.

The Ballot-Box and the Drama.

One of those straws that mark so clearly the flow of the tide is conspicuous at present in London. The Manager of the Queen's Theatre is the origin of it, and, whether it turns out to be other than ephemeral or not, it has certainly gained what is dear to the managerial heart, public attention. The novelty consists in the patrons of the theatre deciding by vote the dramas that shall be acted in it. Ballot-boxes are placed in different parts of the house and voting slips are attached to the programmes. The audience are requested by advertisement to detach and place in the boxes their respective votes, and the result is subsequently made public, and the will of the majority complied with. Popular choice, as indicated by the crucial test of attendance at a theatre is no longer, it seems, to be regarded as sufficiently positive or explicit, and hereafter those who go to the play on Thursday and wish to go again on Monday will be expected to vote whether they will see "Hamlet" or "Macbeth" on the latter night, and whether the farce shall be "Box and Cox" or "Poor Pillicoddy." Deference to the majority is certainly a politic virtue for managers to cultivate, and the greatest pleasure of the greatest number is, we may admit, a judicious histrionic motto.

May there not be danger, however, that this brilliant conception may lead to results too sweeping and subversive? Revolutions, we know, do not go backward, and this new movement may presage the downfall of a host of really valuable dramatic usages and traditions. For example, the *Pall Mall Gazette* apprehensively suggests that the next step may be that of voting on the *dramatis personæ* as well as the play itself. Why, since their amusement alone is concerned, should not the audience who have ordered the tragedy of "Othello" determine who shall act the *Moor*? and so on through the whole of the cast. When theatre-goers once learned what a world of ingenious and diverting possibility a power like this would open to them, they would assuredly neither resign it nor fail to use it. How delightful, for instance, to compel the artist who commonly plays *Romeo* to "go on" for *Peter*, and the lady who piques herself on her *Juliet* to disport in the servile garrulities of the *Nurse*; how charming to metamorphose the *Hamlet* of one night to the *Second Grave-Digger* of another, and to vary the labors of a *Charles Surface* by jocosely thrusting him into *Snake*. The journal named anticipates still further another innovation. People, it suggests, will be asked to vote who shall write the new plays. This would apparently have the bad effect to stifle unknown genius; for who can vote that a man shall write a play when he does not know who the man is? That the public should choose its dramatists as it does its legislators may be all very well in theory; but there surely must be a fundamental difference here in practice.

Another point appears to us as not unworthy of grave consideration. If the audience vote for the plays, and the cast of the plays, why should not the audiences vote that they act the parts themselves? From the criticisms often heard, it is plain that not a few persons among average audiences are of opinion that a change like this would be judicious, and that it would often be profitably used, we have not a shadow of doubt. Immense effect could thus be produced in mobs, processions and armies, and the actors thus temporarily displaced might go into the front of the house and vote whether or not to give the audience their money back. Mr. J. FISK, Jr., and the Ninth Regiment might thus invade the stage of the Grand Opera-house, and transform themselves into *Richard III.* and his army, and an infinite variety of similar pleasing evolutions might diversify the monotony of ordinary proceedure. We do not wish to be understood as advocating such iconoclastic novelties, but if they are really inevitable, if the wave of revolution is not to be stayed, it is well to look things calmly in the face and prepare wisely and firmly for what is to come.

A Project to Secure Fair Elections.

To provide by all possible means for elections in which none but legal votes shall be cast, and all legal votes shall be honestly counted is, next to the framing of a sound charter for New-York City, the most important work before the next Legislature. To this end all intelligent suggestions, based on observation and experience, are valuable. Of this character we deem the draft of a law "for the prevention of fraud and bribery at general and special elections," which has been submitted to us by a gentleman of acknowledged character and ability, who held for a number of years the position of Superintendent of Police in one of our large cities. The project proceeds upon the assumption that the obstacles to fair election are as follows: the generally indifferent character of the inspectors and canvassers; the facility with which these are, under the systems heretofore in use, controlled by one party; the opportunities for fraud in manipulating and counting the ballots offered by the method of depositing them; the impossibility of tracing accurately the effects of fraud where committed, and the consequent difficulty of remedying the wrong done; and the difficulty of obtaining proof of bribery where the only two possible witnesses to the crime—the briber and the bribed—are subjected to common penalties, and both excused from testifying on the well-known legal principle that no man can be compelled to inculpate or disgrace himself by his own testimony.

As the starting-point of reform, the author of the act proposes to call in the interests of the opposing parties in every general election, and to provide for them a method of protecting themselves, believing that the motives thus brought into play will be more efficient than any of those ordinarily appealed to to secure honesty in election officers. To accomplish this, it is proposed to make the election officers provided for by the bill, practically representatives of the two principal parties in the State. The bill calls for a Board of four State Supervisors of Election. These are to be elected each year by the electors of the entire State, no one of whom is allowed to vote for more than two Supervisors. The State, at every election, is sure to be divided into two parties who cast the bulk of the votes, or else into one party casting the plurality of the votes, one which controls the plurality of the remainder, and other smaller ones drawing from one or the other of the larger parties, making it the interest of one or the other of them to see to it that the votes drawn from its rival are counted. The trick of running two tickets for Supervisors of Election belonging to one party, and thus securing the entire Board, is practically impossible in the State. Four officers being thus secured who represent two main rival parties, each of these officers is to appoint a Deputy Supervisor for each county. This secures a board for the county of the same character with the State Board. Each Supervisor for the county is to appoint a Subdeputy Supervisor for each town or city in his county, except in the case of the City of New-York, where, the County and City being identical, the Deputy Supervisors act as Subdeputies for the City. The Subdeputies appoint each, one inspector and canvasser and one witness of elections for each polling district in his town or city, who are required to be freeholders. The balance between the two parties is thus preserved, and at election day, the election officers of each polling district are impartially divided between the main parties. To prevent this equality from being disturbed by vacancies, all vacancies are to be filled by appointment from the associate of the person making the appointment, who belongs to the same political party as the appointor. Service in all cases is made obligatory, unless excused for valid reasons by the Judges of the Supreme Court of the district in which the appointee or person elected resides. It is believed, and reasonably, by the author of the act, that this plan will secure men of character for the really important but now despised positions of election officers.

The next object of the bill is to guard against fraudulent manipulation of the ballots. For this purpose, it is required that the ballots be all deposited by the elector himself in one of two boxes. The ballots each elector is entitled to vote are folded as now provided by law and inclosed in an envelope, on the face of which are written or printed the titles of the officers for which he offers to vote. If it appears that he offers to vote for any office for which he is not entitled to vote, the designation of that office is erased, in his presence, from the face of the envelope. It is then, if unchallenged, deposited by himself in the main box. If challenged, and the challenge sustained by two inspectors, the envelope offered by the voter is to be inclosed in a plain envelope inscribed with his name and the causes for which his vote is challenged, and is then deposited by him, after taking oath to his right to vote, in a separate box, marked "challenged."

The act provides for two poll clerks at each district, to be elected by the inspectors, only one being voted for by each inspector, and the two having the highest vote, being elected. These clerks are to perform in the main the duties now required by law, with some additional ones calculated to secure an honest count, too detailed for description here. The canvass of unchallenged votes is made in the presence of the "witnesses of election," immediately on the closing of the polls. The canvass of the unchallenged votes is made at 10 o'clock of the morning of the second day after election, thus affording time for investigation as to the grounds of challenge. The envelopes are then taken out of the box and the name of the voter is called. If the voter does not appear, the envelope is cast aside and the ballots are not counted. If he appear and insist on his right, the envelope is opened and the ballots canvassed, unless two inspectors shall agree to order the arrest of the challenged party, in the belief that there is evidence to convict him of attempted illegal voting. In that case, he is arrested, and the ballots are rejected. The principal purpose of the provision for the personal appearance of the voter is to guard against repeating. No challenged repeater has the opportunity to get in more than one vote, and then only by exposing himself to arrest.

The remaining feature of the bill which calls for notice is the limitation of punishment in case of bribery to the person offering the bribe, and the provision that the party alleged to have been bribed shall not be excused from testifying. We submit this abstract of this bill for consideration, without unqualifiedly indorsing it, but believing it is entitled to careful attention as a practical attempt to solve a very intricate and very important problem.

A Contribution to International Coinage.

The movement toward the establishment of an international coinage will doubtless receive an impulse, slight, but perceptible, from the recent action of the German Government. On the 11th inst. there was read in the Imperial Parliament, for the first time, a bill entitled a "Project of law for the coinage of gold moneys of the Empire." The proposed act looks only to a partial assimilation of the different currencies in the various States included under the sway of the Emperor WILHELM. In this respect it will be a disappointment to the more ardent advocates of a universal unit of coinage. But if the present legislation goes no further than to introduce some method and simplicity into the present chaos of German monetary systems, it will confer an appreciable benefit of no slight value. Every tourist has a vivid remembrance of the never-ending annoyances and losses resulting from the multiplication of currencies. At each frontier he finds all his previous financial knowledge, acquired with much pain and costly battles with rapacious inn-keepers, utterly useless. Almost every town inflicts on him its own particular grief in the shape of some distinctive and favorite coin, more bewildering than the last, until much of the time that should have been given to the scenery or customs of the country is spent in breaking his head over the hopeless complications of thalers and six-thalers, groschen and silber groschen, florins and kreutzers, and pfennige. If it did no more than assuage the woes of this large and important class, the new project would be hailed as a boon.

Undoubtedly, however, it will afford some needed relief in the transactions of domestic trade. What is better, it will pave the way for a more comprehensive reform in the immediate future. The present bill, as read in the Imperial Parliament, contemplates the coinage of three gold pieces of 10, 20 and 30 "marks" respectively, of which the former is to be equal to ⅔ thalers, or ten English shillings, (somewhat less than a quarter eagle of the United States,) and the others in proportion. These coins are to be legal tender concurrently with the present silver coinage throughout the Empire, and may be made under the supervision of the Imperial authorities, and conformably to the Imperial standard in the several States. In the course of the debate, the Minister of Finance made the curious statement "that the price of bullion having gone down some months ago, the Government had hastened the coinage of those gold pieces." The Parliament is, therefore, asked to pass upon a law which is already in process of execution. It may safely be assumed under these circumstances, that the change, or more accurately, the addition, to the coinage of the Empire is accomplished.

The importance of this action to the cause of international coinage, may not be at first apparent, nor perhaps when seen, reckoned as very great. But it is to be observed at least that Germany hereby smoothes over two of the difficulties hitherto existing upon this point between her and the other great nations of the world—first, in the adoption of a gold standard, and second, in the presentation of a coin approximating closely in value to leading coins of Great Britain, France, and the United States. Between the British sovereign, the American half eagle, the French piece of twenty-five francs, and the German piece of twenty marks, there is only a very trifling difference, which might readily be equalized without too greatly disturbing the operations of trade. Thus, for all purposes of commerce at least, the four chief commercial nations of the world, not to speak of the many continental countries that have followed the French system, would have a common unit of exchange.

The millennium of international coinage, if it is to be ever attained, is only to be reached by a succession of these slight modifications. Any sudden attempt at reform would involve a large amount of trouble and expense, which would make it intolerable to the intractable community all over the world. So the enthusiasts who dream of any near date for the reign of decimals to begin, with a common mint for the nations, are doomed, we fear, to disappointment.

MINOR TOPICS.

FISK and GOULD have been as unfortunate in having their "Black Friday" transactions brought before a jury having an honest and resolute foreman, as Mayor HALL was fortunate in having his little peccadilloes submitted to a jury headed by a servile and corrupt one. We deem tampering with the ballot-box, the Judiciary and the jury, treason against the sovereign people" was the outspoken declaration with which Mr. GIBBON introduced his exposure of the way in which some of his associates had been tampered with by "the hirelings of the Erie Ring." This villainous gang never make a public appearance without drawing the slime of corruption and perjury over everything it touches. If the people whom they have swindled cannot deal this organization a vital blow, the public will look to the Courts they have insulted and defiled, and the Legislature they have heretofore bought as well, to rid the Commonwealth of what is at once a social sham and a commercial disgrace. Let Mr. GIBBON and his associates fearlessly prosecute the details of the corrupt overtures made to them, and a very considerable step will have been made in re-awakening public indignation against the brigands of Erie. Let us hope that the fears will be sufficiently explicit to satisfy even DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, who seems to stick the closer to his disreputable clients the deeper they sink into the mire of public immorality.

Brussels is trying once again to make good its title of the "Little Paris." A Communist anniversary, attended by general street rioting, the calling out of the Civic Guards, and the fraternizing of the latter with the rioters, are features unmistakably Parisian. There were, it is true, no barricades yesterday, chiefly because the mob had it all their own way. What the brave Belgians would be at on this occasion, does not very clearly appear. They have howled down an obnoxious official and forced out a reactionary Cabinet. Evidently M. THONISSEN, who has been called on to form a new one, is not a man to their liking, though how they can expect a Radical Ministry to exist in presence of a clerical majority in the House of Representatives is somewhat unintelligible. Belgium, like France, suffers from the Conservative and Catholic dead weight in the rural districts. Unlike France, it has the most restricted electorate of any country possessing liberal institutions. The Brussels mob would be less violent if they could effect by peaceful votes what is grudgingly accorded to violent demonstrations.

One of the odd features about the famous Tichborne case has been the issue of bonds which have been offered to the public like any other security, and the quotable value of which has constantly fluctuated. The bonds were sold to raise money to carry on the plaintiff's case. Rumors have been heard of them before, but we now get information in definite shape. They were first "placed" at £50, the price at redemption being £100. They engage, on their face, that Sir ROGER C. D. TICHBORNE, his heirs and assigns, shall pay the last-named sum to the bearer, with five per cent. interest, until paid. Naturally, the market value of these securities has risen and fallen with the apparent chances for success of the plaintiff's suit. It is said that at one time the bonds could be bought in Birmingham for ten shillings each. They are now worth about fifty pounds.

A young blacksmith in the English metropolis is at present under trial on a rather extraordinary indictment. He is charged with having willfully set fire, within the last two years, to 114 places, and every day, it appears, brings fresh evidence of similar crimes, in addition to those enumerated. The motive which prompted this enterprising youth to wholesale arson was not a mania for seeing houses burn. On the contrary, the first thing which he did after originating a fire was to rush to the nearest engine-station and give the alarm. Thereupon the industrious Vulcan pocketed the reward given in such cases, and went off with a pleasing consciousness of having done a night's work. It would be interesting to know how many thousands of dollars worth of property were sacrificed to keep this professional incendiary in pocket-money, and it would be equally instructive to discover how, even in a city like London, a practice like this could be continued for two years without detection.

The Thiers Government goes on blundering. Nov. 15 is the fête of the Empress Eugenie. It has been usual to have masses celebrated in the churches on that day, and some prepared to do so on this occasion. The Government, however, has given importance and significance to the design by stepping in at the last moment and forbidding it. A crowd of people assembled at the Madeline, who had not heard of the prohibition, and became highly indignant at not hearing the mass. The result was that a manifesto was drawn up on the steps of the church, and signed by several hundred people, in which they offered up their prayers on behalf of the BONAPARTE family. If the Government will now set to work and suppress the Imperialist journals, beginning with *L'Ordre*, it will do a further service to the reactionists and inflict a further injury on the Republic.

At Ajaccio a fête seems to have grown out of similar circumstances. The reports of the affair conflict. Some people had expressed their sympathy with the fallen dynasty, and while doing so were set upon by a party of drunken soldiers. A bloody combat ensued. The Mayor of the city tried to stop it, but the officer in command of the military refused to second him. Next day the Mayor sent in his resignation to the Prefect of his department. Much bitter feeling has been caused, many people, as might be expected, declaring that there is less freedom of speech now than before. It would be a sad pity if the Republic should not be allowed a fair trial, but there are undeniable signs that it is in danger of being smothered by its friends.

We furnish our readers today with a full and accurate digest of the election results in New-York and twenty-three other States. The article has been prepared with great care from the latest official sources, and presents in a condensed form the political complexion of all the States which have held elections during the year. It also includes a full list of the members of both Houses of Congress, and the complete personnel of the New-York State Government.

THE WILD AND SNOW.

Great Destruction to Shipping in the St. Lawrence.

Many Vessels Ashore and Drifting with the Floating Ice—Sailors Frozen to Death and Drowned—The Snow and Cold East, West, North and South.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

QUEBEC, Nov. 30.—The sudden and vigorous advent of Winter has caused great damage to the Fall fleet of this port. The river is filled with immense blocks of floating ice, which greatly injures wooden vessels. News received from ports below Quebec causes great excitement in this city. A great number of vessels have been driven ashore, and several wrecks have taken place. At St. Johnsport Capt. JONZ and the survivors of the crew of the wrecked bark *Calypso* have been picked up. Several of the men have been lost. The bodies of —— who were found on the ice floats he drifts. They are supposed to be the bodies of the men of the ——, which struck near St. Rochus. The ships *Three Bells* and *American*, laden with grain, are ashore and breaking up. No assistance can be given on account of the storm. The Government vessel, *Napoleon Third*, has been sent down to assist vessels drifting on the ice, but it is doubtful if it will be sufficient. The amount of loss caused by ice and storm is very great.

HUDSON, N. Y., Nov. 30.—The steamer *Vanderbilt* is ice-bound opposite this city. Her passengers were transferred to the Hudson River Railroad this morning. The prospect is that navigation will be closed above this city to-night. It is intensely cold and ice is forming rapidly.

ROMPOINT, Nov. 30.—The weather continues intensely cold. The creek is filled with floating ice, and the Delaware and Hudson Canal is frozen up above Ellenville. No boats are passing above that point. They are still looking through at Eddyville, but unless the weather moderates, the canal must be entirely closed to-night.

MARY CONNORS, a woman of intemperate habits, was found dead in an out-of-the-way place here this morning. A man named THOMAS HUGHES was lying beside her dead drunk, with supposed bloody spots on his clothes. It is generally believed that the woman was frozen to death, but HUGHES has been arrested on a charge of suspicion, and an investigation will be made by the Coroner and District-Attorney.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Nov. 30.—It has been extremely cold here all day, and still continues so. The steam-boat *Vanderbilt*, which was lying between Hudson and Catskill this morning, passed there, going south, this afternoon, having been unable to get through to Albany. The *City of Hudson* is south of Catskill, endeavoring to work her way up. The steamer *Oso*, with a scow, lies here, bound south, awaiting telegraphic orders. The steamer *Eagle*, bound north, put up at Rondout, and now lies there.

MERIDEN, Nov. 30.—It commenced snowing at midnight, last night, and continued incessantly until noon today, and lies fully six inches deep. Sleighs are in great requisition.

OMAHA, Nov. 30.—The Union Pacific express train from the West, due here yesterday afternoon, arrived thirteen hours late. The weather West is clear and cold. The trains were nearly on time today at Cheyenne.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 28.—The mail-carrier from Cottonwood arrived here this afternoon, having left yesterday. He reports about six feet of snow on a level, and drifts of from 20 to 100 feet in depth. Communication with the mines of Cottonwood is uncertain and dangerous. Further accounts of loss of life by snow-slides are received. The trains of the Utah Central Railroad were today three hours behind time from Ogden, on account of snow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—The following, collated from the weather reports received at the Signal Office up to 7 o'clock this evening, will be found of interest. It was sleeting at Memphis, Tenn., last night, which turned into heavy snow this morning, while the temperature is the same as that upon the summit of Mount Washington, N. H. Snow also fell today in Knoxville, Tenn., and Rochester, N. Y. At Cape May City, last night, the wind from the north-west was blowing thirty miles per hour, and the thermometer stood at thirty-five degrees. At Cheyenne, Utah Territory, and Denver, Colorado Territory, this morning the temperature had fallen to 60 below zero, a fall in both places of 25° since yesterday morning. At the Observatory, in Montreal, Canada, it registered 5° below zero. In this city, last night, the minimum thermometer registered 22°, the lowest it has been since last Winter. Upon the summit of Mount Washington, N. H., this morning at 8 o'clock the weather was cloudy, the barometer was recorded at 29.76, a fall of nearly an inch in twenty-four hours. The wind was north-east, and registered 99 miles an hour, and the thermometer was recorded at 2° above zero, a rise in eight hours of 5°.

BELGIUM.

Continued Disturbances—Frequent Collisions Between the Opposing Parties—The Mob in Possession of the Streets.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 30—P. M.—Today being one of the fêtes days of the Communists, trouble was expected, and extraordinary precautions were taken by the authorities to prevent dangerous demonstrations in the present excited condition of the city. The Burgomaster issued a proclamation in the morning, enjoining all good citizens to remain within their dwellings, forbidding out-door demonstrations and declaring that illegal assemblages would be dispersed. Nevertheless, in the course of this day, the recent disturbances were renewed. Monster crowds of men of opposite political parties collected in the streets and there were frequent collisions between them. The Police seemed to be unable or unwilling to disperse the rioters. In one instance a company of civic guards, sixty strong, were ordered to charge upon the people, but they reversed their muskets and refused to obey. The disorder continues, the mobs hold possession of the streets, and the excitement is intense.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Condition of the Prince and Princess of Wales—Sir Charles Dilke to be Invited to Lecture in London.

LONDON, Nov. 30—Evening.—The official bulletins from Sandringham report that the Prince passed an easy night, although the fever has shown no signs of abatement today. He continues quiet, and the symptoms are unchanged. The Princess ALEXANDRA has wholly recovered from her recent indisposition.

The Democrats of this city have resolved to tender an invitation to Sir CHARLES DILKE to deliver a lecture in St. James Hall.

FRANCE.

Execution of Another Communist Leader—Ten Beast in Paris.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—CHEMIEUX, one of the four Communist leaders condemned to death by the Court-martial at Marseilles, was executed today. He was taken from his prison at an early hour this morning, conveyed a short distance outside the walls and shot. He died bravely, refusing to be blindfolded, and his last words were, "Vive la Republique."

Count VON BEUST, the new Austrian Minister to England, arrived here today, en route to London.

Excitement in Paris—Troops Everywhere—Rossel's Last Expressions.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The Government of France is very uneasy and exercises the utmost vigilance. There is a great display of troops in Paris, and all points are guarded by patrols every night, while Police are stationed at every street corner. The public mind is very unsettled, and the general impression is that the present status of affairs cannot last for any length of time. The last words of Gen. BOMMI to a Republican friend were, "If you have not before long crushed the army it will crush you; it had always been plebeian, and has always formed a distinct party, whereas it should be national. Danger is pressing; Republicans have abandoned insurrection. You did not like the men of the 18th of March; I did not like them, but it was necessary to join in order to restrain them."

THE SPANISH BUTCHERY.

Action of Our Government—Valmaseda to be Recalled—Death of the Parents of a Murdered Student from Cirfuegos.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—One little fact disposes of all the turbulent dispatches sent from here regarding Cabinet deliberation and action on the recent affair in Havana. All the orders for the dispatch of vessels were given by the Secretary of the Navy on Monday night, and an answer was received from Key West before 12 o'clock the same night, saying that the *Terror* would sail on Tuesday morning, while the Cabinet did not meet until 10 o'clock Tuesday, when the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Navy reported their actions simply as matters incident to the administration of their respective departments.

MADRID, Nov. 30.—It is said that the Government has resolved to remove Captain-General VALMASEDA from the Governorship of Cuba, and that 30,000 fresh troops are to be dispatched to the Island.

HAVANA, Nov. 30.—The bodies of the executed students have been refused to their parents. The students sentenced to the chain-gang have been working on the streets with criminals since yesterday. The father of one of the former has died from grief, and the mothers of two others have become insane. Captain-General VALMASEDA arrived in this city Tuesday evening. The Chaplain of the cemetery which was entered by the medical students has been removed. The city is quiet. Steamer *Morro Castle* arrived this morning from New-York.

THE KUKLUX.

Prisoners and Witnesses at Columbia, S. C.—Their Appearance.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The Columbia *Union* of yesterday thus speaks of the prisoners and witnesses in the Kuklux trials now going on in that city:

"The Court, which adjourned on Tuesday, will meet again to-morrow. Quite a number of prisoners and witnesses to go before the United States Circuit Court sitting in this city arrived by the down-train on the Charlotte Road yesterday. Many of them appeared to be well provisioned. Some had mattresses and others bedding and clothing, and the most of them looked as if they meant to make the best of their situation. They were in charge of a detachment of United States troops. A motley crowd of colored people followed them to the place of confinement, and quite a number were hanging about the jail-yard until dusk last evening, trying to get a peep at them."

SYMPTOMS OF CONGRESS.

Senators and Representatives Arriving in Washington—The Message and Documents.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Senators and members of the House are arriving rapidly, and a chorus of both Houses will probably be here by Sunday. Speaker BLAINE is expected here on Saturday, and it is given out that until the committees are announced he will receive no callers save such as are sent for. Whether he will announce the committees before the second week in the session is not yet known.

Nearly all the reports of the heads of Departments and chiefs of Bureaus are completed. The President's Message is finished, and will be read at the Cabinet meeting to-morrow. The reports will be sent to the Press, as heretofore, in advance of their delivery to Congress, but not to be published until that time. The President's Message, being in manuscript, will be telegraphed. The President and heads of Departments give no intimation whatever of its contents.

THE NEW APPORTIONMENT.

Ratio of Congressional Representation Under the Ninth Census.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—There has been prepared here a table showing the number of Representatives each State will be entitled to in a new apportionment, based on the ninth census, providing the total number is fixed at any of the figures heading the tabular statement below. It will be observed that the calculations are made for the number of Representatives fixed as in the law of March 4, 1862, at 241, and also for 250, 260, 270, 280, 290 and 300. Unless the number is increased to 300, it will be seen that the New-England States will have a less number than at present; at the latter figure Massachusetts would gain one, while the others would remain as now. But the table will enable each reader to draw his own conclusions.

STATES.	Population in 1870.	Ratio 1 to 127,281.	Ratio 1 to 124,625.	Ratio 1 to 120,370.	Ratio 1 to 116,551.	Ratio 1 to 113,043.	Ratio 1 to 109,793.	Ratio 1 to 106,776.	Ratio 1 to 103,968.
Total United States	38,118,338	241	250	260	270	280	290	300	...
Alabama	996,992	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6
Arkansas	484,471	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
California	560,247	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Connecticut	537,454	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Delaware	125,015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Florida	187,748	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Georgia	1,184,109	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Illinois	2,539,891	19	17	17	18	19	19	20	14
Indiana	1,680,637	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	11
Iowa	1,191,792	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8
Kansas	364,399	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Kentucky	1,321,011	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	9
Louisiana	726,915	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Maine	626,915	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Maryland	780,894	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Massachusetts	1,457,351	9	10	10	10	11	11	11	10
Michigan	1,184,059	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	9
Minnesota	439,706	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Mississippi	827,922	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Missouri	1,721,295	11	11	12	12	12	13	14	9
Nebraska	122,993	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nevada	42,491	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New-Hampsh'e	318,300	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
New-Jersey	905,096	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
New-York	4,382,759	28	29	30	31	31	31	31	31
North Carolina	1,071,361	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	7
Ohio	2,665,260	17	17	18	19	19	20	21	19
Oregon	90,923	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pennsylvania	3,521,791	23	23	24	25	25	27	27	24
Rhode Island	217,353	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
South Carolina	705,606	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	4
Tennessee	1,258,520	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	8
Texas	818,579	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	5
Vermont	330,551	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Virginia	1,225,163	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	8
West Virginia	442,014	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Wisconsin	1,054,670	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—7 P. M.—The lowest barometer continues near the Bay of Fundy, with north-west winds and cloudy weather in New-England, and from Lake Ontario to New-Jersey, and south-westward to the Gulf. The barometer has fallen from Texas to Tennessee and Alabama, with snow and rain. Increasing north-easterly winds, with threatening weather, have prevailed from the South Atlantic coast westward. The highest pressure has extended slowly south and eastward, with clear weather in the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys. Telegraphic communication is interrupted with the Pacific coast.

PROBABILITIES.

The barometer will probably continue to fall in the Southern and Gulf States, with north-east winds and rain; the low pressure in the north-east move eastward with rising barometer and north-west winds in New-England; threatening weather or with snow or possibly rain extend north-eastward from Tennessee to Pennsylvania and eastward; light winds prevail from Lake Erie to Lake Superior, backing to south-west with rising temperature and falling barometer on Friday.

WARNING SIGNALS ORDERED.

Cautionary signals continue to-night at New-York, New-London, Boston, Portland, Oswego and Rochester, and are ordered for to-night at Savannah and Jacksonville.

THANKSGIVING.

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it, because it gives them an opportunity to do more for unmerited souls, for humanity, for their country, for the Lord Jesus Christ, than would have been wretched indeed. It was such a day as to awaken one's sympathies for the poor, but as a rule this class were left to take care of themselves until Christmas, which is the day for feasting and gifts to the poor as well as the rich. Yesterday was observed as a holiday, and all places of business, except liquor-saloons and Jew clothing-stores were closed. The great mass of the community who were thus released from the restraints of business let themselves loose in many ways, but in none did they make themselves more conspicuous than by harnessing themselves up into a uniform and carrying a fourteen-pound musket all day to the sound of the cheapest kind of music. These fellows started in the morning for a target excursion, and—after displaying their tinsel to their friends, including the soulless, who peered through area windows as the procession passed, at the imminent risk of converting turkey into grease—wended their way to the shooting-grounds. By the time they reached there the stripes on their pantaloons had somehow become so entangled with the legs of the individual warriors that the shooting was wide of the mark. But as the "targeteers" did not go out expecting to win prizes by shooting as a mark, this was of little consequence, and the feed was hurried on and down, and the "valiant warriors" wended their way homeward in such a frame of mind as might be expected after having been exposed to the pelting of pitiless and merciless bourbon all day.

The occupants of the Penitentiary and Jail—who could not go on target excursions like their friends—who had not been committed to them comfortable institutions—were duly considered by the humane keepers, who entertained them with an extra feed. At the Almshouse similar provision was made, though few turkeys graced the planks, the most luxurious food given being the flesh of ducks, for these boasts queasts abound.

The old ladies of the Graham Institute, on the Hill, were entertained by a sumptuous repast, provided by the bounty of the wealthy residents of the Hill, who have this institution under their especial charge. The food was abundant, and not too strongly flavored with the spice of ostentatious charity. The old ladies were permitted to enjoy their dinner in peace, and then to dream of "Auld Lang Syne."

In the Plymouth Bethel the poorest of the poor who are gathered to that building on the feast days were provided with such a dinner as was suitable to their needs, for which they ought to have been and doubtless were truly thankful. Some charitable gentlemen have annually provided a dinner for the Newsboys' Lodging-house a dinner for the gamins of the street, and this year they did not forget the boys who have reason to be thankful for any day which will induce their friend to give them a supply of food.

At the Orphan Asylum in Cumberland-street, near Myrtle-avenue, the little ones were entertained as is customary on Thanksgiving Day. This was also the case at the House of the Good Shepherd and the Church Charity Foundation in Herkimer-street, corner of Albany-avenue.

The congregations of Dr. BUDDINGTON, Dr. CUYLER and Dr. SCUDDER, assembled at Dr. BUDDINGTON'S Church, corner of Lafayette-avenue and Clinton-street. A subscription was taken for the benefit of the poor after which Rev. Dr. CUYLER delivered a discourse appropriate to the occasion.

The Day in New-Jersey.

The day was observed in New-Jersey according to time-honored custom. The streets, chill and deserted, resounded often with the notes of target companies' musicians, but except these all was as silent as on a Sabbath day.

In Jersey City business was generally suspended, the banks, public offices, and stores being closed, the newspapers giving relief to their readers by suspending publication. In all the churches thanksgiving services were held, and collections were taken for the benefit of the poor, and for the City Mission and Tract Society in the Episcopal Churches at Jersey City and throughout the State subscriptions were taken in obedience to Bishop ODENHEIMER'S pastoral letter, for the benefit of the Chicago churches.

Numberless parades of target companies and other associations were the feature of the forenoon. The City Guard went to Greenville for a day's shooting. Company A of the Fourth Regiment, accompanied by the Twenty-third Regiment band, went to Huntington, Long Island. At Greenville the "Knights of the Round Table," an association of ward politicians, spent the day shooting, having gone thither in twenty or thirty carriages from Taylor's Hotel, where the members met early in the forenoon. A fantastic display by the "Buck Goats," who paraded in outlandish costume through the streets at the time when the "Knights" were leaving, took attention from their more pretentious display. The opening of the Bergen Club-house, on Bramhall-avenue, was an event which attracted hundreds of the friends of the Club. The visitors were entertained with a sumptuous feast. The Keystone Base-ball Club had a meeting at St. Louis Hall, where their annual ball was given in the evening.

In Hoboken the Hoboken Racket Club had a game on their grounds, which was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. The Bayonne Guards spent the day in shooting at Bayonne, dining afterward at the Mansion House, and winding up the day's festivities with a ball at Taylor's Idle Hour.

At the County Almshouse, the Jail, the Hospitals, at the Home for the Friendless and at the Home for Aged Women, well-furnished Thanksgiving dinners were provided for the inmates.

In Newark, the Methodists united in two general services, at the Halsey-street and St. Paul's Churches. The Presbyterian officers met in the First Church to consider the proposed sustentation fund; a fund to be established for the relief of the feebler churches of the denomination in the State. President MCCOOK, of Princeton, and others, addressed the meeting. The usual service for the day was read in the Episcopalian Churches, and a collection was taken in each of the churches for the relief of the suffering Churches in Chicago. In most of the congregations considerable sums were collected. Services were held in the First, Bellville-avenue, South and Roseville Baptist Churches.

The Local Guard and the Jackson Guard target companies, from Paterson, visited Newark. The Keller Guards engaged in target shooting, and the Howell Guards made an excursion to Plainfield. A quoit match took place at MCLAREN'S grounds, on Ogden-street. Entertainments were given at the Opera-house during the afternoon and evening. At the Rink the Skating Club held its first meeting for the season. The Harmonie Society gave a grand concert at Association Hall, on Prince-street. A harvest home, "after the Irish fashion," was held in Christ Church, which was largely attended. The United Boss Bakers, Stella Lodge, I. O. O. F., Kearney Council O. U. A. M., and Franklin Lodge K. S. C. held their annual balls in the evening. The inmates of the Orphan Home, the Soldiers' Home, St. Michael's, and the other hospitals were made glad with thanksgiving dinners, which were furnished in half of these places by benevolent citizens.

At Irvington the ladies of Trinity Church held a festival in Headley's Hall.

At Seton Hall College the students had a musical and literary entertainment, and orations were made by the members of the different classes.

At Rahway the Presbyterians held a union service in the Second Church, the Methodists in the First Church, and the Episcopalians in the chapel of the Holy Comforters; St. Paul's Church being without a pastor. The Emmet Guards, of Newark, made a target excursion to Rahway.

At New-Brunswick the Pitman, Liberty-street and St. James' Methodist congregations held service in Pitman Church, and the Presbyterian and Reformed congregations held a union service in the Second Reformed Church.

The United Express Guards, of Newark, and the Columbia Guards made excursions to New-Brunswick, and the Protection Guards made an excursion to Trenton.

At Trenton the customary services were held, and at the Soldiers' Children's Home over 300 children partook of a Thanksgiving dinner, prepared by the trustees of the institution.

At Princeton the students had a holiday, and joined their religious services with those held in the First Presbyterian Church, Dr. MCCOSH being absent.

At Paterson the churches held "Union services." The Methodists met in the Sotowa Church, which was dedicated; the Episcopalians in St. Paul's Church, and the Baptists meeting with the Presbyterians in the First and Second Presbyterian Churches. The members of the Dutch Reformed Churches met in the Main-street Church. A Fair and industrial exhibition was held by the Cross-street Church in the Wigwam, and the Division-street Church held another in Continental Hall. There were a large number of gatherings of societies to dinners and balls, besides the customary displays of target companies and temperance associations. Business was entirely suspended.

Ex-Controller Connolly in Jail.

Ex-Controller CONNOLLY having been allowed the use of Warden TRACY'S apartments in Ludlow-street Jail, passed the day comfortably yesterday. Deputy Sheriff KELSE, in charge of the prisoner, said that it being Thanksgiving Day, no effort had been made to obtain bail. It was expected that the necessary amount would be procured today. Mr. CONNOLLY was visited by his family and a number of friends during the day.

The Coming Agricultural Congress at Selma, Ala.

SELMA, Ala., Nov. 30.—Preparations have been and are still being made for the entertainment of the delegates to the Agricultural Congress which convenes in this city on the 14th of December. The hospitality of the city has been extended to the delegates, and a full attendance is expected. The Opera-house has been placed at their service.

PUBLIC OPINION ON CURRENT TOPICS

THE MICE IN THE COCOA-NUT.

From the Auburn Daily Advertiser.

The NEW-YORK TIMES has snatched the bone of popularity from the jaws of the New-York *Tribune*, by its manly and courageous exposé of the City and County frauds. The *Tribune* growls in a manner that expresses bursting rage and envy. We cannot possibly describe its conduct in milder terms. Its warfare upon the TIMES and the brave proprietor of that able paper, is one of the most contemptible spectacles of modern journalism. Its conduct has no resemblance to that sharp and jealous advocacy of a policy to be pursued in the hostilities against Tammany. It is rather a vindictive and persistent attempt to detract from the splendor of the TIMES' victory over a gigantic moneyed political Ring. The *Tribune's* course is precisely that of a sorehead. The whole matter might have been passed over in silence by the Press as it was if it did not threaten to so diminish the standing and influence of the *Tribune* as to render it useless to the Republican Party, or worse than useless, for the purposes of the Presidential campaign.

As it is, this stirring up strife in the party, upon such despicable grounds, deserves the most decided rebuke. We do not see how the *Tribune* can possibly justify to itself its vindictive aggression upon the TIMES. It was always one of the most positive papers for demanding the subordination of men and advocates to principles. It has, therefore, left itself utterly without excuse.

M. O. AT HIS OLD TRICKS.

St. Louis Democrat.

We knew it; we have looked for it, and it has come! The *e.* and *g.* M. O. always did move in a mysterious way his blunders to perform. If he has ever missed an opportunity to win a little foolish notoriety, we cannot recall the case. "Let the South go in peace" in 1860; "On to Richmond" in 1861; the Peace Conference at Niagara Falls a little later; and, finally, at the close of the war, only man who hadn't escaped enough not to go bail for JEFF. DAVIS was the *g.* and *g.* M. G. We are not astonished to find in this various old gentleman a defender of Gov. PALMER, and a denouncer of the means adopted to protect the property and people of Chicago after the great fire. That he does not advance a single argument against Gen. SHERIDAN'S conduct, which was not more threadbare during the war to sustain the Federal Government in its efforts to save the nation, is of little consequence to Mr. GREELEY.

THE NEW-YORK COLLECTORSHIP.

Sterling Gazette.

Anything relating to the New-York Custom-house is of interest to the whole country, as it is the chief *entrepôt* for foreign goods, besides being a political power of no mean importance. Whether it should be used for the latter purpose or not, is a question we will not discuss here. Hon. THOMAS MURPHY has been Collector of the Port of New-York for some time past. He was personally known to the President for quite a period before his appointment, and it is therefore fair to presume that the President knew what he was doing when he conferred the office upon him, and that he was not mistaken in the man has been abundantly shown throughout the whole of Mr. MURPHY'S term. Although active, energetic, diligent and efficient, with a full appreciation of the responsible duties devolving upon the office, he has performed every act required of a collector to the satisfaction of the mercantile community and of the Administration.

But an opposition grew up against him in New-York City, headed by the New-York *Tribune* and the friends of Senator FENTON. The attacks made upon him by these parties were of the most bitter and malignant kind, and were persisted in long after the charges made were utterly and overwhelmingly refuted. It was noticed by all that the *Tribune* was much more earnest in its assaults upon the Collector than it was upon the corrupt Tammany Ring. But Mr. MURPHY gave those gentlemen little heed, trusting to his own unsullied character, and his official acts for his vindication. And he has been vindicated, not only by the business community and the President, but by the Republican Party in the State of New-York. The humble position which the Greeley delegates were compelled to occupy in the State Convention, the union of the party throughout the State, and the splendid victory achieved at the late election, all attest his energy, ability and sound political management.

REVENGE! TIMOTHEUS CRIES.

From the Dayton (Ohio) Journal.

The New-York *Tribune* is endeavoring to revenge itself on the TIMES for getting ahead of it in the exposure of the Tammany swindle, by attempting to show that Mr. JONES, of the TIMES, after having made charges of rascality against Mayor HALL in the columns of his paper, was unable to give the Grand Jury evidence sufficient to enable them to find a bill of indictment against the Mayor. This is simply ridiculous on the part of the *Tribune*. It is foolish and malicious. We do not understand that it is essential in a newspaper, when it assails public corruption, to stand prepared to prove its charges technically. It is sufficient if it directs attention to wrongs upon the people and indicates to the proper officers the outlines of the case to be prosecuted. The TIMES showed very plainly that there was a reality in the Municipal Government of New-York, and proved conclusively, not technically, but substantially, that Mayor HALL was consenting to it. When arraigned before the Grand Jury, Mr. JONES was unable of his own personal knowledge, to furnish testimony to justify an indictment. The *Tribune* attempts to make a point of this, and accuses Mr. JONES of cowardice and slander. Nobody doubts that Mayor HALL was a party to the "Ring" frauds, but the proof is not so easy to get at, yet the *Tribune*, which professes so much virtue, instead of sustaining the TIMES, and thereby vindicating its own professions of integrity, is the bitter enemy and assailant of the TIMES in New-York, and is every day furnishing the enemies of reform with the most serviceable weapons to defeat reform. There is nothing in this but newspaper jealousy and political antipathy, for the *Tribune* don't like to see the TIMES looming up as the recognized Republican organ of New-York.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS.

Providence Journal.

The vast power of the Press in correcting social evils has never been more clearly proved than in the overthrow of the chiefs of Tammany. The struggle, in the outset, seemed almost hopeless. The character of the Ring was well known; its methods and its peculations had been exposed in Mr. ADAMS' article in the *North American Review*. But its power seemed omnipotent, and it was sustained by a great body of ignorant foreign voters, as well as by reckless and venal Americans. By a kind of general consent, New-York was regarded as beyond the reach of reform, given over to the rule of a degraded populace insensible to high moral aims.

The result gives new confidence in Republican principles. It proves that in great crises honesty and good order will triumph over faithlessness and vice. The first great honor of winning the great victory, it was by the articles in the TIMES, continued for weeks, able, resolute, conclusive, proving beyond all doubt the crimes it charged on the Ring, that the attention of the better class of the citizens was roused to the imperative need of reform. These articles had not been written, TWEED and SWEENY would still be the political magnates of New-York.

THE NEW COLLECTOR.

Bangor Whig & Courier.

The new appointment is as distasteful to the Fenton people as the old, and the *Tribune* has opened its batteries on the future Collector before he has taken his seat, notwithstanding its concession that he "is a young man of fair abilities and unimpeached private character." His known friendship for MURPHY and his leaning toward CONKLING are sufficient to insure the *Tribune's* hostility. The premature attacks of the *Tribune*, which plainly show that nothing but the appointment of a radical Fenton man would appease it, are commented on by the Post with some severity.

NOT SATISFIED.

Union (Minn.) Republican.

The *Tribune* is not at all appeased by the dilatory sacrifice made by Mr. MURPHY, for it denounces his successor, Mr. ARTHUR, as one who held a $10,000 Tammany office until forced out of it by the pressure of public opinion. However, as the *Tribune* looks with jaundiced eyes upon all matters pertaining to President GRANT'S administration, its views must be taken with many grains of allowance.

THE BROKEN RING.

Fishkill Journal.

No more forcible illustration of the tremendous power wielded by the Press has occurred in a long time than the recent overthrow of Tammany. While a large majority of the honest journals in both City and country have done yeoman's service in this good work, we must in justice yield the palm to the New-York TIMES. From the first of the exposures of the gigantic corruption of the City Government by the TIMES, dates the relentless crusade against the thieves. The TIMES followed up its telling blows against the Ring with the vigor of a Titan crushing out the life of a venomous and noisome anaconda. It is true that the TIMES could not have accomplished the great work had it not been supported by the Country Press, but it must nevertheless stand forth as pre-eminently the paper which instituted the movement which has resulted in the demolition of Tammany Hall.

COLLECTOR MURPHY.

Ithaca Journal.

Mr. MURPHY has, without doubt, made an excellent Collector, and the charges of the *Tribune* in regard to his Government contracts were all based upon complaints made by one HEWIT & OLCOTT, a man without character or standing—a thief in fact, and the broker and go-between through whom certain Congressmen negotiated the scandalous sale of the cadet-ships, and for which Mr. WHITEMORE, of South Carolina was expelled from the House. This is the man—this Col. OLCOTT, cadet broker, who dares not return to Kentucky, his native State, and ROBERT MURRAY, whom no man in New-York would believe under oath—these the *Tribune* has times without number branded as a liar—these are the men who have undertaken to ruin the character of a Government officer for no other reason than that he was an appointee of President GRANT—and the *Tribune* made use of the rascals for the same reasons, Gen. JOHN A. DIX and Hon. HENRY A. HILBURT, two as pure and upright men as there are in the State, have put their foot upon this slander. We think Mr. MURPHY has acted wisely in resigning, for he has thereby doubtless done something to harmonize the party and taken away the excuse gladly seized upon by some to attack the Administration—but it is just to him and the President that the truth in regard to the charges made against him by the *Tribune* shall be known.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

ORATORIO AT STEINWAY HALL.

"The Messiah" was interpreted at STEINWAY Hall, last evening by the same soloists, chorus and orchestra who were recently united in a recital of "Elijah." Mr. SANTLEY, Mr. W. H. CUMMINGS, Mrs. PATEY and Miss WINNE, constituted the vocal quartet, and the New-York Harmonic Society supplied the choral forces. How well Mr. DORY'S artists acquit themselves of all the parts at their information not needed at the present writing. It is impossible to imagine finer singing than Mr. SANTLEY contributed to yesterday's concert in his recital of "But who may abide," "The people that walked in darkness," and "Why do the nations;" or a more impressive display of voice and art than Mrs. PATEY offered. Mr. SANTLEY'S last-named air was repeated, and the lady was compelled to sing twice "He shall feed His flock." Miss EMMA WINNE had to forego her usual share of applause, in consequence of a severe cold, allusion to which was made in a brief address to the public. Mr. CUMMINGS sang with his wonted skill and good taste, and his air "Thou shalt break them," was redemanded. It would be a waste of space to say much of the orchestra or chorus, both under the direction of Dr. PECH. Neither choristers nor instrumentalists can handle oratorios with delicacy and precision when half a dozen performances a year are all the public will encourage—if, indeed, it actually does encourage so many. The orchestra heard last night was, however, much superior to the body listened to some weeks ago. It was not distinguished by sensibility, but it executed its parts with fidelity and with occasional spirit. The choruses were rarely given with the requisite animation, were quite devoid of the effectiveness resulting from intelligent shading, and were often attacked with a painful lack of unanimity. "And He shall purify" for example, did not enlist all the voices in its delivery until three or four bars had been played. To the elaborateness of "For unto us" no justice whatever was done, and in the fugal passages throughout, there was an amount of groping, so to speak, which would not be cheering to the least exacting student of counterpoint seeking interpreters among local performers. The entertainment was numerously attended.

ITALIAN OPERA.

The performance of "Mignon" at the Academy of Music this evening, will be the seventeenth of the series of subscription nights. M. THOMAS' new work will be given at the matinée, to-morrow, for the second and last time, by day.

THE GRAND DUKE.

How He Spent Thanksgiving Day—Prayers in the Morning—Turkey and Ministrelsy in the Afternoon and Evening—The Philadelphia Reception.

Thanksgiving Day was observed by the Grand Duke ALEXIS yesterday in a very quiet manner. In the morning he went to the Greek Chapel at No. 961 Second-avenue, accompanied by Minister CATACAZY, Admiral POUSSET, the Secretary of Legation and Consul-General Bonnaco. By 9 o'clock the privileged few who had tickets of admission to the chapel began to assemble. A serving-man was at the outer door, and he assisted each gentleman to lay aside his overcoat and hat, and showed all into the front parlor or auditorium of the chapel. There were not more than twenty persons in all. The ladies stood on the left side of the room looking toward the chancel or back parlor, the gentlemen on the right. Prince GALITZIN, the Russian impresario, was among the earliest arrivals. The few present were, with perhaps one or two exceptions, members of the Greek Church. The chapel was lighted up before 10 o'clock, and Father BUSHING, his assistant and the chaplain of the *Svetlana*, stood robed at the door through which His Imperial Highness must enter, awaiting him. Father BUSHING held a massive gold crucifix, and his assistant a holy water font and "aspersion whisk." At about 10:40, some commotion was heard at the hall door, and immediately after the Grand Duke appeared at the chapel door, kissed the crucifix presented, crossed himself and received the holy water. The whole party entered and stood in front of the chancel. Father BUSHING then chanted a "Te Deum in English, comprising also the prayers for the Emperor of Russia and the President of the United States. His assistant repeated the same in Slavic, and the services concluded. They did not last longer than twenty-five minutes, after which the Imperial party saluted the chaplain of the *Svetlana* and retired.

During the day the Grand Duke remained quietly in his hotel, visited by one or two friends only. In the afternoon he went out for a short time, returning to dine with his staff. In the evening, about 8 o'clock, accompanied by Mr. MACY and a couple of his friends, ALEXIS went to Bryant's Minstrels in 23d, and passed the evening there.

The programme of the trip to West Point is set forth in the following circular issued by the Executive Committee:

OFFICES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE RECEPTION OF H. I. H. GRAND DUKE ALEXIS, No. 945 BROADWAY, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1871.

The steamer Mary Powell will leave Jones' street Wharf, Pier No. 39 North River, at 9 o'clock A. M., and Thirty-fourth-street Wharf at precisely 9½; therefore all are requested to be on board at 9:25 at the latest. The Superintendent of the United States Military Academy has arranged as follows for the reception of the Grand Duke and suite at the north wharf at 12¾ P. M., and land all except the Grand Duke and suite and the Executive Committee. The limited number of carriages which can be assembled at West Point will not provide for more than forty ladies. All others, therefore, will have to walk up to the parade. After the first landing the *Mary Powell* will run far enough up the river (a little above Cold Spring) to give time for those who have landed to get to the Point, and, on returning, will land the Grand Duke, who will be received at the wharf by the Superintendent and staff, and who, with his suite and the Executive Committee, will be placed in carriages and taken to the Superintendent's quarters, and immedi

THE STORY OF THE MEGERA.

Graphic Description of the Disaster by a Stoker—His Story Minutely Told—An Insight into the Management of the British Navy.

A correspondent of the London *Daily News* recently interviewed a stoker belonging to the unfortunate English frigate *Megera*, as he and other witnesses for the official investigation were on their way to report. The writer commences his report by noting the events on the Southampton pier while waiting for the steamship *Pera*, as follows:

"The *Pera* telegraphed in" "No, sir, she's about due at 5 this afternoon"—the place was Southampton, and the day Saturday—"but the wind's dead against her up Channel, and she's not a specially quick boat." Five o'clock came and no *Pera*. Ten o'clock came and still no *Pera*. But the big ship had been telegraphed from Hurst, and about 10 the mail-boat was going out to her. But was it wise to go with the latter? It was hot certain but that the *Pera*, declining to be interviewed by the little craft, would come right into dock before she stopped, and so give one the go-by. Nobody knew, but it seemed the wisest course not to chance the little voyage. At 11½, to one sitting patiently on a spar under the lee of a shed, there became apparent at the dock entrance a huge dark hull, all studded over with lights slowly forging forward amid the shouting of windlassmen and the hoarse words of command, "black away there!" "Tauten that starboard warp!" and such like. It was the *Pera*, and she was coming right into dock. So, at least, the seventh son of a seventh son could have told that it was past hobnail before she was alongside the jetty and the gangway run aboard.

"The *Megera* men on board!" "Aye, aye, Sir," came in response from out the gloom of the fore-deck, through which was just visible a dense assemblage of faces. In ten minutes more two of the *Megera* men were comfortably seated in the forestalls, splicing the main-brace in moderation as they smoked a quiet pipe before becoming their little story. Cautious wortnies of northern extraction, they seemed. If one might so parase it, to have "Baxter on the brain," impressed as they were with a belief that was not quite easy to remove, that the present mission was a emissary direct from the member for Montrose to pump them to their hurt. Disabused of this apprehension, the conversation became much less constrained. It is a difficult and delicate task to reproduce the details of that conversation in the present phase of the unfortunate *Megera* business; and nothing will be attempted save to marshal with greater minuteness the story of events, the outlines of which are already common property. It may be mentioned at the outset that the *Pera* brought home in addition to nine officers of the *Megera*, the following petty officers as witnesses, viz.: Eight quarter-masters, a boatswain's mate, three leading stokers, the divers, and one able seaman. Yesterday afternoon the party left Southampton for Portsmouth by the 1:30 train.

The following is the stoker's story, as it dropped from his lips, the result being a graphic and idiomatic narrative:

"Had luck to St. Paul's, and to them that sent us there on four ounces a day!" was a toast that might not in a general way be objectionable, but had no great tendency to throw a light on the series of misfortunes which wrecked the *Megera* at St. Paul's. It was explained, however, as being meant "blowing off steam," and then came the question to our daily work. "There were no complaints of the ship's condition after leaving Queenstown." "No, but among the crew there was constant grumbling and apprehension. You see it wasn't thought seamanlike to complain. Capt. THAUPP, after having had up the petty officers, and asked to know if they had any, made his report at Queenstown, the ship had been inspected and passed there as fit for the voyage. After that the Captain's mouth was shut, and the men warn't going to funk on it, and be jeered at, even if they were as sure of going to the bottom as they were sure of a day's grog. It was a straight, upper-deck round; but some of the officers—the married men especially—didn't make a great job of it. No; about the inspection at Queenstown I won't say nothing good or bad, whether I think it was a thorough one or a sham; it ain't my place for to be the judge of my superiors. There was no stoke-plate taken up for the inspecting officer; that's another thing you may be sure of. Strangers ought to have been there; I answer that ain't my place for to say. Between Queenstown and the Cape we had a good fair voyage, the ship averaging eight to nine knots. The weather mostly was splendid; I think, in my soul, that God Almighty in His mercy picked the weather for us on purpose. The ship was low in the water, and always cumbered with overcrowding and stores—it never seemed as if it were possible to get everything snug and shipshape, try how you would. After we left the Cape of Good Hope the weather changed, although it looked threatening sometimes, still it used to be like a brick, and on the 7th and 8th of June, we lay our course famously, running under double-reefed tawsles and courses before a regular snorer—a strong sea on, and the whole water now and then coming tumbling aboard of her. It was then some day that we overhauled the Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Ballarat*, and washed overboard. The very next day (the 9th) we sprung a leak, a devil of a big leak too, for the water came in so that it took the pumps all their time to keep it under. Some of the chaps swore that the sedger, as he went to the bottom, had sent he knee through one of the plates; others would have it that he struck the bayonets in her—but that's nonsense. I was on deck when the man didn't take his bayonet overboard with him. All hands at the pumps, and, by good luck, there being plenty of pumps, we managed to keep the leak a bit under. It wasn't to be found nohow. It was a time, I can tell you. A gale of wind, the old ——deep in the water, and nothing to the yard but stunsails booms under. At every second roll all hands, blue jackets and marines, working their hearts out at the pumps—always wet, and not a chance to get dry. Day and night it was alike till after three days of it the men were fairly beat out, and we had to take to the fire-engine and the donkey-engine to keep the water down.

It was JACK BROWN, 'Scottie' we call him, that found out the leak. Scottie is one of the leading stokers. It was on the night of the 10th of June. He had the first watch in the engine-room, and had to report the state of the pumps every half hour to the officer of the watch. Scottie took it into his head to find the leak if he could. The bunkers had been in the way of it search round about below them; it would have been necessary to shift the coals from port to starboard and then back again, and hands could not well be spared. But Scottie got about the bilges by the beam on which the bunkers rest that crosses the ship above the midgirder." [Here the narrator must interpolate a confession of his ignorance of marine architecture, and his ability to reason by their lgiorance, to understand (or less lucidly to describe the technicalities of this performance of "Scottie."] "Scottie shoved his head down one hole and his light down another, and there in one of the plates under the bunkers—not under the engines—was the water coming streaming in like a water-spout. He called the officer of the watch and found him in bed. Jack: 'Where?' shouts the officer. 'Come and I'll show you.' Mr. ——came, and had a long look for himself, head down one hole, light down another, and then goes and rouses up the 'Old Man.' The 'Old Man' comes double-quick, lies down—we had turned a mat for him—and, bides a long time with his head out of sight. At last he comes up to the surface, and turning to the stoker on duty, says, 'Have you called Mr. MILLS?' 'No, Sir,' says the stoker, 'he has not turned in for three nights before, and I was giving him a chance.' 'Call him at once,' says the Old Man. I was sent for Mr. MILLS. Mr. MILLS is the chief-engineer. Up the passage by the sentry handy the wheel I went, and called him. 'Leak found, Sir!' It was not many minutes before Mr. MILLS and the Old Man had their heads together. They consulted for a spell, and then the word was, 'Fetch JAMES HARRIS, the artificer.' Then the ratchet-brace was sent for, and a piece was to be drilled out of a girder that was in the way so as to let a man's hand in to reach the hole in the plate. I'll finish off the yarn of the leak before I talk about anything else. An inside sheeting of gutta-percha clapped fast with red hot shovels was first tried, but that was stove in as soon as the ship got way on her, and the water began to press harder on her outside. Then HARRIS, the diver—he belongs to the *Excellent*—went over and down, and brought up word that the skin of the ship was like a rotten honey-comb. It was not to be considered, after all, for the chaps to hold that fine soaring marine sent his knee through the plate. So BELL said he could send the heel of his boot through with quite a moderate kick. He went down with a kick for the experiment, and a corresponding plate was clapped on inwardly, holes drilled in the original plate, and a trial made to screw the outer and inner plates down to it. But, Lord bless you, the infernal thing was so thin and worn that the nuts could not be screwed home, and so the two jury plates could not be fastened down. And besides, the bottom was that rotten that the new plates stuck on to it by the screws, and working loosely as they did for want of purchase for the screws, threatened every minute as if they would tear the old plate—bolt and all. There's a bit in the Bible somewhere about putting new wine into old bottles. Here was the same thing for all the world, and the new iron was too strong for the old, rotten, spongy iron, honey-combed with rust. My own amusement is how the old sub could have kept going so long without her engines tumbling through the ship's bottom." "By the bye, I'd quite forgot to put in here the 'silent member,' who had an 'I told you so' out from in consuming his grog and nodding vigorous confirmation to the statements of his comrade. "By G——, chum, it looks me how the bottom itself did not tumble clean away from the ship!"

"The leak and the rotten plates were bad enough; but perhaps worse was to come. The girders or ribs—I see you know little about a ship, Sir—are the frame or skeleton of the ship, the iron plates bolted on to them, and to one another, being the skin. A ship is just like an open umbrella, the whaleboned are the girders or ribs; the silk"— "Gingham it may be, Sir," puts in the "silent member" rather disparagingly, as it seemed, as to my familiarity with a silk umbrella—"the silk is the skin. These girders are about eighteen inches apart. Of four of them reste the step of the mast—in other words, on these four girders, two forward and two aft of the step, there comes nearly the whole weight of the heavy mast, with all that belongs to it. This weight is so distributed as to spare any one single girder—for it is, I tell you, a severe and sudden trial when a ship is suddenly taken aback, and then the quiet man told him about having found it, and got a jacketing for not having come direct and reported it at once. 'Do you wish me all to go to the bottom at any minute?' was the question that finished engineer. The Captain was fetched, and made a close examination. I once knew a chap so bad in consumption that he said he was spitting himself bodily away as he walked. Blessed if the *Megera* warn't, after a fashion, spitting herself away as she steamed. The suction of the pumps was like the poor fellow's cough; it fetched pieces of the rotten timber and plating, and sent 'em out into the sea. But the fragments of her vitals well choked the pumps at last, for the Old Man found them obstructed with a lot of the old iron that had not gone up the spout. Ten minutes after his inspection was over the ship was consummed.

"You'll search the navy over, Sir, before you'll find a better seaman or a truer officer than our Old Man. Say one, Sir, do you? Right on's it there," interpolated the silent member. "You should have heard him reading prayers that Sunday forenoon. There warn't a shake in his voice, no more than if he were going below presently for a glass of sherry, instead of having it on his mind to tell the ship's company that his ship might go down at any moment. 'He ain't,' says the speaker, ain't the Old Man; but his words put pretty nigh men's hearts that day. He told us how that 'the ship's bottom was literally dropping out,' and then bade us go in with a will like men and British sailors. We gave him three cheers, and then we went at it, and started out a considerable lot of grub that Sunday forenoon and evening.

"But with the nicht came dirty weather, she began dragging her anchors, and at length they parted two of them, and we had to get up a full head of steam to keep the ship off the rocks. The wind was so strong, that the old ship—she was always a crabbed awkward ——at minding her helm—once yawed right round, and was going stem on to the breakers. The Captain got her out of this trouble by going full speed astern, but there she was, right out of hand, only one anchor left, and deep water under her, where not a soul could have been saved had she foundered. Boats? the boats could not have lived over the bar. And what a lot of boats she had! Why, Sir, some of them were as old as herself, and there was no recommendation in them for above two-thirds of those on board.

"So the skipper gave the word to run her on shore, and chance it. It was the afternoon of the 19th, about 4½, that the word was given. 'All hands on deck,' and the ship's head slewed round to the landward. The hands were ordered on deck so as to give them a chance should she strike the bar as everybody feared. Half the crew were on the topgallant fo'sle, half aft, every man ready for a spring if she should press her back. Between the rollers and the shore there was a good deal of sea, but there she was, right out of hand, only one anchor left, and deep water under her, where not a soul could have been saved had she foundered. Boats? the boats could not have lived over the bar. And what a lot of boats she had! Why, Sir, some of them were as old as herself, and there was no recommendation in them for above two-thirds of those on board.

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THE STOCKHOLDERS OF MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 36 Wall-st., New-York, Nov. 4, 1871.—In accordance with a resolution from the superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State of New-York of Nov. 2, 1871, the stockholders of the Mercantile Fire Insurance Company of the City of New-York are required to pay the sum of ten ($10) per cent., being 2 per cent. of the capital stock, at the office of said Company, No. 166 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 2d day of December, 1871, to make good the deficiency of the capital impaired by reason of losses.

In case of failure to pay the said assessment at or before the time above named, your stock will be forfeited to the use of the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors, the transfer books of this Company are closed until Dec. 4, 1871.

C. W. PARMELEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECURITY LOAN INSURANCE AND ANNUITY CO., No. 52 WALL-ST.
NEW-YORK, Nov. 23, 1871.

ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS.—Notice is hereby given that the first election will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of December, next. Poll open from 12 to 1 o'clock.

ISAAC H. ALLEN, Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND COAL COMPANY,
No. 13 TRINITY BUILDING,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 28, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office, on TUESDAY, Dec. 12, at 12 o'clock M.

The polls will remain open from 12 M. till 2 P. M.

The transfer-book will be closed from Dec. 1 to Dec. 13, inclusive.

By order of the Board.

HARRY R. HOY, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the meeting of the stockholders of the Central Mortgage Company has been called by the operators thereof to be held at the office of said Company, No. 80 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on the 6th day of December, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that the first election of directors will take place at said meeting. By order of the corporators.

CHARLES TRACY, Secretary.
Dated NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1871.

NOTICE TO MARIPOSA TRUST CERTIFICATES.—Parties holding Mariposa Trust Certificates are hereby notified that the power to convert their certificates into the proposed new stock of the Mariposa Land and Mining Company at the original rate will expire on Nov. 15; after that date an extra bonus will be charged. For further information please call at the office, No. 34 Wall-st., Room No. 4.

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NO. 156 EAST 34TH-ST.—WITH board, to let, handsomely furnished front rooms, en suite or single, parlor together or separately, to parties desiring the comforts of a private residence.

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TO LET—THIRD FLOOR IN BROWN-STONE House, No. 472 West 51st-st., at reduced rent, to small family. Apply at No. 420 West 46th-st.

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MISSES PORTER & CHAMPNEY'S Boarding-school for young ladies and children, Hadley, Mass. Winter Term commences Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1872. Circulars and testimonials can be obtained of H. C. HULBERT, Esq., No. 12 Beekman-st., New-York, or by addressing the Principals.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY, WILBRAHAM, MASS.—An old and well-established Seminary for both sexes. Winter term commences Dec. 8 and continues thirteen weeks. For rooms or catalogue apply to E. COOKE, Principal.

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THIS (Friday) EVENING, Dec. 1, at 8 P. M., and also THIS AFTERNOON MATINEE, TO-MORROW, (Saturday,) Dec. 2, at 1½, Doors open at 12½.

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THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL BALL

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General rehearsal FRIDAY, Dec. 1, at 2½ P. M. First conc

THE WHITE FEATHER.

Another Peace Congress in the Pugilistic King.

Mace and Coburn Spar and Shuffle for Four Hours.

The "Fight" Declared a Draw at the Eleventh Round—General Disgust of Holders of the Expensive Tickets—Did the Men Mean Fight?

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 30.—About daylight this morning an immense crowd of persons, of respectable appearance, assembled at the depot of the Chattanooga Railroad, in this city, each supplied with a yellow excursion ticket, bearing the monogram "M. C.," which indicated the right to witness the Mace-Coburn prize-fight. It had been announced that the fight would take place near Bay St. Louis, forty miles from New-Orleans, and to that point were the excursionists, about 700 in number, conveyed in safety. The train was hailed, under the superintendence of JIM COBURN a ring was soon pitched, and ere long the contestants arrived, and COBURN tossed his hat into the ring, followed quickly himself, and was in turn followed by MACE. RUFUS HUNT, the stakeholder, was declared referee, and TOM KELLY and TOM MCALPINE seconds for COBURN, TOM ALLEN and JIM CONDER acting for MACE. At 12:12 the men shook hands and at once began operations. Some beautiful sparring was shown by both men in the first round. Neither party seemed inclined to open fight. Hits and counter-hits were made, and it was noticed that MACE lost two fine openings; but this was, doubtless, owing to the muddy and slippery ground, as the rain was now falling rapidly. At the expiration of thirty-one minutes the round ended with a clinch and fall, MACE under. In the second quicker work was made, MACE having rather the best of it. After ten minutes it wound up with an easy fall, MACE under, COBURN exhibiting superior wrestling qualities. The third round was a severe one, both men fighting furiously, and the multitude, now increased to about 1,800, seemed nearly all with COBURN, who had been described as a trickster, coward, &c. After a hot contest, MACE struck COBURN a hot one over the left eye, clenched, and they went down, COBURN under. In the fourth round, both men were shy, and about thirty minutes were exhausted in scientific sparring, dodging and parrying, MACE hitting across the scratch in COBURN'S corner. Finally HUNT, the referee, insisted on their fighting, when the men flashed in with a will, and some terrific fighting ensued. In this round MACE gained first blood with a cutting blow over COBURN'S left eye, and in doing so lamed his left hand. Give and take was now the word and the round ended without advantage to either side. Time of round fifty-three minutes. In the fifth the fighting was hot indeed, COBURN getting a terrific blow fair upon MACE'S left shoulder-blade and thus crippling his left still more seriously. After hits and counter hits, light but skillful, the round came to an almost tragic ending. COBURN forced MACE to his corner, fought him to the ropes, clenched, and the two went over together, literally standing on their heads for a full second, and outside the ring. Time, twenty minutes. Tremendous enthusiasm for COBURN. The sixth occupied fourteen minutes, and it became plainly evident that MACE was weakening. As he now fought on the defensive he was frequently pressed by COBURN, whose seconds urged him to hasten the fight, which he did, winding up with a clean knock down. Bets now changed from three to one, away down to even. The seventh was brief, but very skillful, occupying seven minutes; the men went down MACE under. The eighth was ended in two minutes, with close fighting; men clinched, went down, with MACE under. The ninth was almost decisive; MACE seemed weak and winded; COBURN got in three successive blows on his nose, and finally struck and threw MACE on the ropes. In the tenth COBURN was sent to grass, but more by an accidental slip than otherwise; MACE still weakening. The eleventh was a long and somewhat brilliant round. MACE tried hard to rally; came up smiling, and the fighting was forced, but his famous left hand was puffed up like a boxing-glove, and he could do no harm. COBURN gave him one, two, three in quick order, and some fearful fighting ensued, when COBURN clenched and threw MACE heavily. The twelfth round lasted over one hour, MACE declining to leave his corner, although COBURN invited him in every way. Finally the referee having demanded that both men should fight, entered the ring and declared the fight a draw, after three hours and thirty-eight minutes of hard fighting in a cold, pelting rain. That COBURN should have been declared the winner was generally conceded, but when the veteran MACE declared COBURN to be the best man he had ever met in the ring, a shout long and loud went up, and the crowd dispersed, all satisfied except those who had failed to win money. It was the most orderly and best conducted contest of the kind that has ever taken place on this continent.

Another Account.

RIGOLETS, La., Nov. 30.—The special train engaged for the Mace-Coburn excursion started from the Mobile Railway depot, at the foot of Canal-street, at 7:10 this morning. The untiated had been instructed to be on hand punctually at 6 A. M., but the train did not make its appearance until nearly an hour later. At the depot some forty Metropolitans were detailed for the preservation of order, but beyond preventing parties without tickets entering the cars their services were not called into requisition, as the crowd was very orderly. The Police accompanied the excursion to Gentilly Station, about four miles out from the city, where the tickets were examined. The train consisted of ten passenger-coaches, containing some 500 persons, the majority of whom were what are termed the better classes, including representatives of the Bench and Bar, the medical profession, and banking, cotton and mercantile establishments. The sporting fraternity were out in force, with representatives from all the principal cities. Among the notables of the prize-ring present are TOM ALLEN, NED O'BALDWIN, "the Irish Giant," TOM KELLY, SHERMAN THURSTON, JIM CONDER, JIM COBURN and POOLY MACE.

MONTGOMERY STATION, MISS., FORTY-EIGHT MILES FROM NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 30—10¼ A. M.—The excursion-train has just arrived at this point. Nothing of special interest occurred during the trip. Everything is conducted in a most orderly manner. The ring is now being pitched on high ground in a pine wood, about fifty yards from the track. JIM COBURN is superintending its construction. MACE and COBURN have just reached the fighting-ground from Bay St. Louis. Both men are in excellent condition. COBURN weighs about 154 pounds and MACE 168 pounds.

Half-past Eleven.—COBURN shied his hat in the ring and immediately followed in person amid great cheers. MACE a moment later stepped in the ring. TOM MCALPINE and LARRY POWERS are COBURN'S seconds, and CONDER and TOM ALLEN, MACE'S. Col. RUFUS HUNT, of New-Orleans, who was selected as referee, entered the ring amid tremendous cheering, and said that the men came there for a fair fight and supposed the crowd came for the same purpose. If they remained quiet and let the referee and umpires do the talking, no doubt they would see a good fight. MACE won the toss for choice of corners. COBURN advanced and offered to bet MACE $800, which MACE accepted. Umpires—AL SMITH for MACE, JIM COBURN for COBURN. A drizzling rain is now falling.

At noon the men stepped into the ring and shook hands; the betting being two to one on MACE. Time was called, and business proceeded with, COBURN commencing operations by reminding MACE three of his practice in the form of two blows on the body, and another in the mouth. Several exchanges followed, after which both were cautious, and sparring became the order, brought to a close by MACE giving COBURN one in the mouth, forcing him to his corner, and getting thrown for his trouble. The second and third rounds were exhibitions of skill; but few blows being given, and terminating without a decided advantage to either. The fourth round was commenced like the former, but on the referee making remarks as to their way of going on, the men came to the middle of the ring and some sharp fighting ensued, MACE leaving "his mark" on COBURN'S nose. First blood allowed for MACE. The remaining rounds were nothing but sparring and shuffling, but little fighting being indulged in; the falls being, however, in favor of COBURN. The fight was brought to a close by the eleventh round, in which more sparring was the order, but one blow being struck; MACE seared into his corner twice and only could be got out of it by threats of stopping the fight from the referee. On both occasions the men went to work at the usual sparrings, when MACE again retired, and upon being allowed one-half a minute by the referee again stepped out and sparred again, whereupon the referee declared the fight drawn. All bets are off. The eleven rounds lasted four hours and ten minutes. MACE and COBURN is the best man he ever met in the ring. There were no clean knock downs.

DETAILS OF THE ROUNDS.

First Round.—Coburn got two blows on Mace's body, followed by a slight one on Mace's mouth. Another severe blow was given and taken, Mace forcing the fighting during the several following rounds. Coburn hit Mace on the neck. Mace got in on Coburn's right shoulder. More sparring. Mace got a slight blow on Coburn's face. Mace still forced the fighting, followed Coburn up to his corner and got in heavily on Coburn. The latter countered, clinched and threw Mace. Time, thirty-two minutes.

Second Round.—Both men were prompt to the call to time. After long sparring both men rested. Coburn hit Mace just above the belt, and Mace got in a slight blow on Coburn's neck, followed by sharp exchanges in favor of Coburn, when he clinched and threw Mace.

Third Round.—Both men were cautious, and after more feinting rested again. Coburn got in heavily on Mace's mouth; Mace returned lightly on Coburn's head, and after sharp fighting both men fell.

Fourth Round.—After sparring for some time Coburn hit Mace heavily on the breast, and slightly on the left side. Mace got one on Coburn's forehead, the latter returning on Mace's head. Much feinting was again indulged in, when both men rested. Three times the referee said the people came to see a fight, not feeling. The men advanced to the centre of the ring, and Coburn got a blow on Mace's neck; Mace got in heavily on Coburn's left eye. First blood allowed for Mace. Joe hit Mace on the left breast, and after long sparring he got in again on Jim's face. Mace then hit Joe on the forehead and followed him to his corner, where there was some sharp fighting, ending with Mace down.

Fifth Round.—Mace got in on Coburn's nose, followed by sharp fighting, give and take, around the ring. After feigning again, Coburn hit Jim on the left breast. Both countered on the body, and after several fruitless efforts clenched and Coburn threw Mace over the ropes. [Great cheering for Coburn.] The men advanced again, when it was observed that Coburn had something in his hand. The referee told the men to open their hands. Coburn threw something on the ground, which was handed to the referee. Great excitement prevailed among the crowd. The referee said he found that Coburn had only a small piece of oakum, and ordered the fighting to go on. Severe fighting ensued in favor of Coburn when Mace slipped and fell.

Sixth Round.—Mace got in slightly on Coburn. The men clinched, and Coburn threw Mace, falling heavily on him.

Seventh Round.—In this round there was some hard hitting. Coburn forcing Mace to the ropes. Coburn clenched and threw Mace. Cheers from Coburn's friends.

Eighth Round.—Feinting and sparring were indulged in, both being extremely cautious. Coburn gave Mace a heavy body blow, jumped back and grinned at Mace. The latter claimed a foul, but it was not allowed. After dodging and sparring around the ring the men rested. Coburn got in slightly on Mace's breast, then each countered on the neck, and after some slight exchanges, Coburn threw Mace at the ropes.

Ninth Round.—More feinting, followed by hard fighting, when Mace forced Coburn to the ropes, and after some sharp exchanges in the corner, a clinch occurred, and both men went down.

Tenth Round.—Coburn went into Mace's corner and got in a reminder; sharp fighting followed, which was in favor of Coburn, ending by Mace being thrown "to mother earth."

Eleventh Round.—Cries of "You've got him, Joe; he can't last half an hour." There was more sparring and feinting in Mace's corner, and Mace's friends looked serious. Mace then got in slightly on Coburn's cheek. Another long series of feinting was indulged in, Mace hugging his corner closely, and COBURN eyeing him. Bets of $30 were made even that MACE don't win the fight. The referee here said: "I'll give you five minutes to advance." COBURN advanced quickly to MACE'S corner; JIM came forward, but retired again to his corner, COBURN following; more feinting ensued, and after another long interval both men came to the scratch; MACE again retreated to his corner amid hissing from the crowd. The referee again called on the men and said: "I will give you half a minute to advance to the scratch." COBURN promptly advanced, slowly followed by MACE, who again retired to his corner where feinting ensued as before. The men folded their arms and eyed each other.

The referee then ordered them to their corners, and, advancing to the centre of the ring, said: "This crowd came here to see a fight. You have had every chance offered, but seem afraid of each other. I therefore declare the fight a draw and all bets off." This round lasted over an hour. After the referee's decision MACE crossed over to COBURN'S corner, patted JIM on the back, saying: "COBURN is the best man I ever met in the ring." MACE has a severe contusion just above his left lip, and acknowledges COBURN struck him there ten times. COBURN has a short cut above the left eye and a scratch on the nose under the right eye. Otherwise they show no punishment. In the second round, MACE injured two of the fingers of his left hand when he hit COBURN'S head. He gives this as the reason for his hugging his corner and acting on the defensive. Mr. HUNT gives the time of the fight—three hours thirty-eight minutes. The spectators seemed well satisfied with the referee's decision.

The Brigham Young Trial.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 29.—The motion to quash the indictment against BRIGHAM YOUNG and others for murder is still being argued before the United States District Court. The result is anticipated with much interest.

The New-York City Mission.

The New-York City Mission held its monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, in the Spring-street Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. AIKMAN presiding. A number of the officers and missionaries made interesting statements of the practical operations and results of this important charity, and the pastor, Dr. AIKMAN, added a few remarks indorsing the work, and commending it to the sympathy and support of all. The report of the Secretary showed that there were 38 missionaries, who last month made 5,696 missionary visits; 7 mission chapels in which were held 204 meetings; 4 mission Sabbath-schools, having 1,300 pupils; 4 mission churches and 450 communicants; 100,000 tracts and papers were distributed; 1,000 meals and lodgings were given; 150 families were aided, and $240 50 distributed. The receipts for the last month were $5,004 01, and the disbursements $9,133 17, leaving a deficit of $4,129 16. The annual meeting of the Society will take place on Dec. 13.

Suicide in Jersey City—Domestic Trouble the Cause.

Early yesterday morning HORATIO DALTON, a young man employed by the Jersey City and Bergen Horse Railroad Company as conductor, died in great agony at his house, corner of Bowden and Monticello avenues, from the effects of a dose of laudanum which he had taken. At about 1½ o'clock A. M. DALTON informed his wife, with whom he had during the evening had a quarrel, that he intended to kill himself, and he immediately swallowed a heavy dose of laudanum which he had previously purchased for another purpose.

Prescription Clerks' Association.

At a preliminary meeting of licentiate drug clerks last evening, a society was organized under the name of "The Prescription Clerks' Association of the City of New-York." The following officers were appointed *pro tem.*: President, W. M. MASSEY; Vice-President, S. Rhinebold; Secretary, C. F. Bartlett. Committee to frame Constitution and by-laws, Messrs. T. R. Burrows, S. P. Wright, C. A. Johnson, George Cutting, T. W. Linton, E. H. Smith, R. Rhinebold and R. J. Mills. The meeting for election of officers for the year 1872, and adoption of by-laws, &c., will be called by advertisement.

AID FOR THE POOR.

A Good Work Nobly Done—Interesting Account of the Presidential of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

As the rigors of Winter approach the condition of the poor demands careful attention. During the coming months many will be temporarily thrown out of employment or prevented from working by sickness, who have been unable to lay aside anything for such contingencies, while there is always a large class of semi-paupers who will be seeking aid from the sources on which they are accustomed to depend. The problem of affording relief to the deserving, or really needy, without encouraging pauperism, is one whose solution has been long desired in large cities. The very multiplicity of societies, some supported in part by State appropriations, others entirely as private or parochial organizations, enhances the difficulty, and impresses those engaged in various benevolent operations with the great need of some central institution for dispensing relief, at once comprehensive in scheme, simple in its mechanism, prompt in responding to every deserving call, yet discriminating in the objects of its bounty. These requisites, if not fully attained, seem to have been realized as nearly as human imperfection will permit, by the "Association For Improving the Condition of the Poor," whose twenty-sixth report, a highly interesting and instructive document, is now before us. The extent, character and objects of the organization, together with the whole subject of charitable relief, are so ably treated by Mr. ROBERT M. HARTLEY, Corresponding Secretary, to whose enlightened views and indefatigable exertions the Association is largely indebted for success, that we cannot do better than quote freely from the report.

THE EXTENT.

This organization covers the entire City and County of New-York, from the Battery to Kingsbridge. That large area is divided, first, by wards, denominating each ward a district; and the districts are subdivided into 370 sections, with a visitor appointed to each. By this minute division, no one has a larger amount of labor than he can efficiently perform. To secure, moreover, the best practicable result, each district has a local advisory committee, consisting of five persons, whose duties are supervisory and executive. As the poor can only be aided in the section where they live, by the appropriate visitor, and all are visited before assistance is given, imposture is prevented, the truly necessitous aided, and the whole system of relief reduced to the utmost precision and certainty. Any amount entitles contributors to membership, to tickets, and a copy of the Directory, which enables them to refer applicants for aid to their proper visitor.

Its character is thoroughly discriminating. It relieves those only who are brought into distress, not by their vices, but by the providence of God. Of this unfortunate class there are always multitudes, of both sexes, in our vast population who, though industrious and mainly self-supporting, yet through industrial derangements, inclement seasons, or because of sickness, bereavement, widowhood, or other unavoidable calamities, are brought to want and suffering, and need kind counsel, sympathy and aid. They are, in brief, the worthy poor, who require temporary help to recover themselves, and ease them from the loss of self-respect and the permanent debasement of pauperism.

Its objects are not merely the relief of present distress, nor yet such relief as will relax the exertions of any for their own support. Aid, on the contrary, is given on the principle that none should receive gratuitously that which they can obtain by their own labor. Hence, by personal intercourse with the recipients at their homes, it encourages industry, economy and virtuous habits, and by fostering among the poor a spirit of self-dependence, make them a party to their own elevation. In this connection it may be remarked that it is neither the design nor desire of the Association to supersede existing charitable organizations, but rather to supplement them all; much less does it purpose to interfere with any new enterprises that are so wisely managed as to fulfill their proper objects. But it owes important duties to the poor and to the public. Its position involves peculiar trusts and responsibilities. To it is largely confided the organized voluntary alms-giving of the City. Its objects, as shown, being the relief of the distressed, the elevation of the indigent, and the repression of pauperism, it is necessarily opposed to all operations and forms of relief which interfere with the attainment of these immensely important objects.

THE VISITORS.

Speaking of the 370 gentlemen chosen as visitors from the several districts, the report says: "As a general fact, their long-continued, voluntary and gratuitous services is much like a marvel in this marvelous age of benevolent activity, which probably has no parallel. Their qualifications, matured by experience, acquire, it may be said, a priceless value, for money could not purchase them." In this connection, it will not be amiss to give the words of E. W. HOLLAND, Esq., a member of the London Council, in appreciation of this valuable arm of the Association: "However perfect may be their [the Society for Organizing Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity] systemization of work, it lacks what appears to us one essential element of success, which is possessed by the New-York system—that is, an efficient corps of voluntary workers. * * * We must take human nature as we find it; and I think most men of extended experience will agree with me, that it is by exercising the most minute and careful discrimination that we shall alone meet the problems of pauperism. What is wanted for this purpose just now is men, not money—intelligent, self-denying men, who will investigate—men big guns to head subscription lists. If but four hundred men of intelligence would agree to combine with head and heart in a scheme like that in operation in New-York, a world of good might be done in London." The *Manual* issued to this army of visitors begins by reminding them that the alms of benevolent societies and of private liberality are often misapplied, and as often abused by those who receive them. "As a visitor of this Association, therefore, be especially careful to do all that a cautious and discriminating judgment may suggest to prevent every abuse of the charity you may dispense." "The persons who will address themselves to your sympathy, though differing in many particulars, may here be divided into three classes: First, those who may have been reduced to indigence by infirmity, sickness, old age and unavoidable misfortune; second, those who have brought themselves to want and suffering by their improvidence and vices; third, persons who are able but unwilling to labor and are beggars and vagrants by profession. The well-being of these different classes evidently requires a mode of treatment adapted to each; and as this cannot be applied without a knowledge of their character and circumstances, your first duty is always to visit those for whom your benevolent services are required before granting relief." The instructions for dealing with these respective classes are eminently practical and humane; one rule being that assistance should never be of a kind, or to a degree, that will make this dependence preferable to a life of labor. "As a general rule, alms should, as far as possible, be withheld from the drunkard. But, here, perhaps, is the inebriate's family in actual want of the absolute necessaries of life. Still the rule is that relief should never be given to the families of the intemperate beyond the demands of urgent necessity." "By all the motives which you can present, stimulate the improvident to habits of thriftiness, industry, and foresight." Visitors are instructed to insist, as far as possible, upon having children sent to the public schools. Each visitor is required to make a monthly report, containing an accurate statement of the number of persons assisted, names, residence, occupation and character, the kind and amount of relief afforded. One of the fundamental rules is to give necessary articles, and only what is immediately necessary and what is least susceptible of abuse. To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms rather than on their own exertions for support, and whose further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of the institution.

OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

What other form of organization (asks the report) could be devised better fitted for such a work? As it regards the poor of the City, it is little less than ubiquitous. Through its REGISTER everywhere it covers the entire Island, traverses every street and alley, penetrates every dwelling from cellar to garret, and in localities most needing benefactors and searching investigations the residents become so well known to them that the meritorious are seldom overlooked, while imposters as seldom escape detection. Within the preceding twelve years the yearly relief of this charity has varied from 13,109 persons to 64,000, this being a yearly average for that period of about 21,000, three-fourths of whom, owing to the greater destitution in Winter, were probably aided during the inclement months. From Oct. 1, 1870, to Oct. 1, 1871, there were 6,026 families relieved, or 29,808 persons, in which work 369 visitors were engaged, making 80,000 visits, the largest number being in the months of January and February.

The Treasurer reports a balance in hand Oct. 21, 1870..... $23 75
Donations and collections..... 35,427 94
John Laurie's bequest..... 1,121 76
Balance due Treasurer..... 221 74
Total..... $37,015 19
Payments made..... $1,216 06

The Association acknowledges its obligations to the Press for its unbounded commendation. As a organ and exponent of public sentiment, no cause, however good, can live and grow in this day without its co-operation. If the Association is less known in this busy City than the interests of its objects requires, it may be specially owing to its own noiseless and unobtrusive character. It is, on principle, opposed to all ostentatious displays of benevolence, which demoralize and tend to increase the evils it would remove. The effectiveness of its plan and arrangements has been indorsed by the formation of more than forty societies on the acknowledged pattern of this organization, in Europe and in this country.

Whatever may be the demand upon our citizens at this season, we trust that the claims of this Association, so comprehensive, so quiet, yet thorough and effective in its operations, will be fully recognized, and a prompt and generous response made to the appeal of its managers. Receiving neither State, City nor Church contributions, its only reliance for means is on private contributions—which may be addressed to the rooms of the institution, No. 59 Bible House, New-York, or to the Treasurer, E. B. MINTURN, Esq., No. 78 South-street.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Favorable Symptoms Manifested—He will Probably Recover.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The latest official bulletin regarding the condition of the Prince of WALES reports that the symptoms are more favorable, and that the Prince is unquestionably progressing.

LONG ISLAND BIBLE WAR.

The Keys of the School Taken from the Principal—Disgraceful Conduct of the Boys Yesterday.

Yesterday morning Mr. FEISEL, one of the trustees of the First Ward School of Long Island City, called on Mr. SEIBERG, the Principal, and demanded the keys of the school building. Mr. SEIBERG desired to know for what purpose he wished them, but the trustee would give no satisfaction, and demanded not only the keys of the building, but also those of the teachers' desks. Mr. SEIBERG finally complied with Mr. FEISEL'S request. The general impression is that the trustees will refuse to open the school this morning. While going to and returning from Church yesterday morning, a crowd of boys and half-grown men followed Mr. SEIBERG, the Principal hooting at him and throwing stones, and otherwise insulting him. This action of the boys, which is believed to be encouraged by older heads, determined the citizens who support the authorities, to organize and appoint a committee, whose business it shall be to see that the teachers are protected from all insults; that the trustees do not exceed their authority, or throw impediments in the way of free education. The Protestant element in the City are determined that this senseless war of creeds, forced into the public schools by the CatHolics, shall not be successful in removing the Bible from the public schools.

Reunion of the Veterans of the Seventy-Ninth Regiment.

The members of the Association of the Veterans of the Seventy-ninth Regiment assembled last evening at No. 118 Sullivan-street, for their annual reunion and banquet. Col. MORRISON presided. The banquet hall was handsomely decorated with flags, among which the old battle-torn banner of the regiment was conspicuous. Lieut.-Col. MOORE gave an interesting narrative of the career of the regiment, from the time it volunteered for service in the regular army, alluding especially to their gallant conduct at the first battle of Bull Run, the two battles of Fredericksburg, the battle of James Island, the second battle of Bull Run, and innumerable skirmishes. He mentioned, with mingled pride and sorrow, that out of some 1,200 men, who constituted the regiment at the beginning of the war, or were subsequently drafted into it, only eighty-eight returned to the City. After a pleasant evening, the jovial Scots separated with ringing cheers for the "Land of Cakes" and the "War Record of the Seventy-ninth."

Fire in Jersey City—A Dwelling-House Destroyed—Loss $5,000.

At 2½ o'clock yesterday morning a frame dwelling-house, at the corner of Bramhall and Vreeland avenues, Jersey City, took fire from a defective flue. The family of a Mr. OLIVER, residing in the house, were first aroused, and the alarm being given, several fire companies arrived upon the scene in time to prevent the total destruction of the building. The loss is estimated at $5,000; partially insured.

The Apollo Social Union Club.

The Apollo Social Union Club, lately organized by a number of gentlemen of high social standing, gave a reception last evening at Apollo Hall. The affair was a very pleasant and enjoyable one, and many members of the *élite* of society were present. The President of the Club, Dr. P. E. FARNSWORTH, did all that was possible to make the reception an agreeable affair. Among those present were Dr. H. Hidley; Mr. Wilbour, the publisher and lady; Col. S. V. Papin and lady; Mr. C. A. Hickley, lady and two children; Mr. J. B. Elwouth; Mr. E. B. Valentine and others.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in the carpenter shop No. 400 Water-street, doing a damage of $600.

The new Collector, Gen. ARTHUR, will take his office to-day. Whatever changes he contemplates in the Custom-house will not be made for some time.

JAMES MILLER, Esq., of Philadelphia, will lecture this evening at Association Hall, the subject being "A Tour of Travel in Egypt and Arabia Petræ."

ANTHONY GANGARILL, of No. 121 Allen-street, fell yesterday at Broome and Greene streets, breaking his right leg. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

L. J. FRICK, of No. 547 First-avenue, while wrestling yesterday in the saloon No. 537 First-avenue, was thrown and had a leg broken. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The temperature yesterday was lower than that of Wednesday. At 7 o'clock, the thermometer stood at 17°, at noon it was 24°, at 3 P. M., 25°, and at 6 P. M. it fell to 20°.

PIERRE CARVET, and a dozen other French Radical Republicans of this City, have issued a call for a meeting to express indignation at the execution of ROSSEL and his companions.

CHAS. M. LACEY, of No. 494 West Twenty-fifth-street, was yesterday, in the Yorkville Police Court, committed for examination by Justice BERRY, on a charge of stealing carpets.

A fire broke out yesterday in the wood-molding mill of R. L. SMITH, at No. 66 Cannon-street, caused by an overheated stove. The fire was extinguished after causing a damage of $50.

Today is the anniversary or saint's day of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. The St. Andrew's Society of this City will join in the general festival which will be celebrated today by Scotchmen.

Yesterday evening a barn on One Hundred and Seventy-sixth-street, near Fourteenth-avenue, owned by JOHN A. HAVEN, was destroyed by fire, and five tons of hay stored therein was entirely consumed. Loss, $500; no insurance.

While the steam-boat *Alida* was on her way down the North River on Saturday night, towing canal boats from Albany, she had both her smoke-stacks blown overboard by the gale and she is now detained at West Point.

GEORGE JOHNSON, a prisoner, while waiting for examination, yesterday, at Essex Market Police Court, committed a brutal assault on another prisoner named WILLIAM DENNY. He was held to answer by Justice LEDWITH in $500 bail.

At Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, PETER YUST, of Union N. J., was charged with having threatened to shoot Farmer GRANEY, of No. 108 Tenth-avenue, on Wednesday night. He was held for examination by Justice SHANDLEY.

ALBERT MCGRUDER, colored, was committed for trial by Justice SHANDLEY, at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, on a charge of stealing a quantity of clothing, the property of CHARLES WHITEHEAD, of No. 119 East Seventh-street.

THOMAS SILVAN, driver of a Seventh-avenue car, was assaulted by five men in Wooster-street, yesterday, and seriously injured about the head. His assailants made good their escape, and SILVAN was taken to the Fifteenth Precinct Station-house.

The conclusion of the great telegraph suit in the United States Circuit Court gives the District-Attorney an opportunity to move on the case of Alderman JAMES IRVING for trial, which will be done next week before Judge BENEDICT instead of Judge WOODRUFF.

It was expected that the Pennsylvania Company would today take possession of the New-Jersey Railroad, which they have acquired by lease, but up to late night no order had been received at the offices in Jersey City, nor at the New-York offices of the New-Jersey Company.

At the inquest held yesterday by Coroner YOUNG, in the case of THOMAS VAUGHAN, aged two years, whose parents reside at No. 340 East Forty-first-street, who was reported to have died from whisky given him by a visitor, it was shown that the convulsions were due to teething. A verdict to that effect was rendered.

About 5 o'clock yesterday morning JAMES RUSSELL, a cook on the tug-boat *Relief*, lying at the foot of Franklin-street, North River, quitted MICHAEL LYNCH, a resident of Boston, on board the vessel, and then forcibly took $30 from him. RUSSELL was arraigned before Alderman COMAN at the Tombs Police Court, and committed for trial.

Capt. F. VIELE, of the canal-boat *Sarah*, of Athens, wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to Capt. WM. GARNDA, of the tug *Sampson*, assistance on the North River, near Sing Sing. The canal-boat was ashore, and Capt. GARNDA secured three hawsers and lowered an anchor in his efforts to succor Capt. VIELE, thereby saving the cargo and probably human life. Capt. VIELE quaintly remarked, "Such men are few on the North River."

In yesterday's TIMES, by simple inadvertance, a paragraph was published giving notice of Thanksgiving festivities to be held by the so-called Juvenile Guardian Society. In the same connection certain strictures on the work of the institution were given, as of our own knowledge. This paragraph is written for the purpose of recalling the other, and of informing the public that the TIMES does not in any wise vouch for or indorse the "Society" in question. More will be said on the same subject within a few days, perhaps.

BROOKLYN.

Burglars entered the residence of E. A. WILLIAMS, No. 194 Putnam-avenue, on Wednesday evening, and stole silver-ware and jewelry valued at $289.

A policeman of the Ninth Sub-precinct arrested ERNEST METZER on Wednesday night, for drawing a pistol and pointing it at VALENTINE MEYER in a liquor-saloon in East New-York.

The injuries of Alderman STEWART, who was shot in a liquor-saloon on Monday night, are believed to be slight, and it is thought that he will speedily recover. The ball is still wedged in the muscles of his back, and no attempt will be made to remove it immediately, as no vital part is injured.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The report of the Commissioners appointed to award damages for land required for the Harlem River and Port Chester Railroad has been confirmed by Justice BARNARD.

The tax-payers of Pelham have authorized the Supervisor to employ counsel to contest the payment of money on account of opening a new road from the eastern terminus of Third-street.

A Wall-street capitalist has offered to furnish one-half of the money required for the construction of a narrow gauge railroad between Port Chester, White Plains and Tarrytown, on condition of the property-owners along the line providing the balance, the prospect of which is said to be quite encouraging.

STATEN ISLAND.

Eight target companies visited Staten Island yesterday.

A number of gentlemen in Edgewater, irrespective of party, propose holding a council of political reform.

The rebuilding and repairs of the old school-house at Factoryville have been contracted for at a cost of $94,176.

JOHN MAIL, of New-York, a member of a target company which visited Staten Island yesterday, had his thumb and fore-finger blown off by the accidental discharge of his gun.

LONG ISLAND.

The question of having a free public library is being agitated in Riverhead.

At the Home for the Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors, at Flushing, the annual entertainment and dinner was held yesterday.

Yesterday the anniversary exercises of the children of St. Mary's Church, Hunter's Point, were held at Smithsonian Hall. The attendance was large.

Workmen are engaged dredging a basin in the beach off Southold by side of the schooner *Anna Maria*, and the sloop *Banner*, which were blown ashore during the recent gale, in order that they may be floated off.

NEW-JERSEY.

The meadows west of the Hackensack, between the Morris and Essex and Erie, and north of the Erie Railway, were on fire last evening, and burned for several miles.

A row of vacant buildings, First-street, Hoboken, were set on fire early yesterday morning. The fire was extinguished before a great deal of damage was done.

In the case of MARGARET ANNIN, a woman who was found dead in Oliver-street, Paterson, on Wednesday last, the Coroner's jury have rendered a verdict that the deceased came to her death from injuries received by the fall, and from subsequent exposure to the intense cold.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Consols closed at 93¾ for both money and account. United States 5-20s, 1862, 92¼; 1865, 92¼; 1867, 92; 10-40s, 90¾. The rate of discount of the Bank of England has been reduced from 4 to 3½ ₱ cent. The amount of specie in the Bank of England has increased $199,000 during the week.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—Rentes, 56f. 97c.

FRANKFORT, Nov. 30.—United States 5-20 Bonds, 97¾, for the issue of 1962.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 30.—COTTON closed easy: Middling Uplands, 9¾d.; Middling Orleans, 9¾d. 9 10d.; sales of the day, 12,000 bales, including 3,000 bales for speculation and export. BEEF—New Prime, 76s. LARD, 46s. PORK—Prime Western, 42s.

LONDON, Nov. 30—5 P. M.—TALLOW, 42s. 6d. @ 43s. 9d. LINSEED-OIL, £34 5s.

[Advertisement.]

After the Grand Duke has gone through his devotions at the Greek Church on Tuesday last, he requested to be driven to KNOX'S great Hat Emporium, No. 212 Broadway. It seems he had heard a great deal of KNOX, and had seen some of his Hats in Russia, worn by American tourists. He was driven there, and so pleased was he with KNOX and his Hats that he purchased fifteen of the latter, and wanted KNOX to go to Russia with him. KNOX isn't going.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.
Sun rises.....7:05 | Sun sets.....4:34 | Moon rises..8:21
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook..10:16 | Gov. Island..11:08 | Hell Gate..12:27

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....THURSDAY, Nov. 30.

Arrived.

Steam-ship Ashland, Moore, from Fernandina, Fla., Nov. 26, with mdse. and passengers to Jas. Hand. Had light favorable winds to Cape Lookout, and thence strong head winds.

Steam-ship Volunteer, Howes, Philadelphia, with mdse. to Lorillard Steam-ship Co.

Steam-ship Wyanoke, Bourne, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.

Schr. Emma P. Lewis, Farmer, Virginia, for Providence.

Schr. Geo. Darrell, Evans, Virginia, for New-Haven.

Schr. Lothair, (Br.,) Enos, Elizabethport, for St. John, N. B.

Schr. America, Ingraham, Elizabethport, for Boston.

Schr. Walter S. Hall, Thomas, Elizabethport, for Portland.

Schr. Daniel Williams, Mills, Elizabethport, for Boston.

Schr. Black Diamond, Cole, Elizabethport, for Providence.

Schr. Wanata, Munsell, Pensacola 17 da., with lumber to W. Parkes—vessel to George Sparrow.

Schr. Richard Law, Eldridge, Elizabethport, for Providence.

Schr. Yarmouth, Sears, Elizabethport, for Providence.

Schr. David G. Floyd, Clifford, Elizabethport, for Fall River.

Schr. A. Farrell, Sammis, Elizabethport, for Fall River.

Schr. Kate Scranton, Palmer, Port Johnson, for Fall River.

Schr. S. P. Goodell, Goodell, Port Johnson, for New-Haven.

Schr. Eastern Star, Holmes, Port Johnson, for New-Haven.

Schr. E. G. Horton, Wilson, Port Johnson, for New-Haven.

Schr. Isabella, Jackson, Elizabethport, for Portland.

Schr. Fairwind, Smith, Elizabethport, for Boston.

SAILED—Steam-ships Columbia, for Havana, via Nassau; Gen. Barnes, for Savannah; George, for Charleston; Niagara, for Norfolk.

WIND—Sunset, a gale N. W., clear.

By Telegraph.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Nov. 30.—Sld. brig Fido, for Baltimore; brigs Thetis and Innisfail, for New-York, and a fleet of coasters.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 30.—Arr. schrs. J. E. Dailey, from New-York; J. F. Allen, from Rockport; E. A. Hooper, from Philadelphia; Sophia Hanson, from Baltimore.

Sld. steamer Gulf Stream, for Philadelphia.

European Shipping News.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 30.—The steam-ship City of Washington, from New-York, arrived at 7½ P. M. today, and the City of New-York at 10 P. M. last night.

The Cunard steamer Batavia, from New-York, also arrived today.

LONDONDERRY, Nov. 30.—Arr. today steamer Caspian, from Portland, for Liverpool.

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